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Two poems

Autism: Psycho Terror and No So Special Freda McEwen

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Spring 2022	As a single mother of an Autistic big black male
	You cannot comprehend my experiences when I dip in and out of it. It may sound dramatic and stage managed but it is real
Keywords: Black male autistic, mothers of autistic children, autistic sons, intersectionality, covid, euthanasia, autism rights, human rights	I am torn between the professional system, the culture and the spirituality of the experiences.
	System that suddenly turns your child to something else
	System that shields their gifts and positives
	Enhancing and exaggerating the negatives
	Breaching the trust and confidence you have in the system
	The more I think of it the more I see myself lost in the system
	Questions asked and concerns raised
	but no answer but blame and pointing fingers nonstop
	You are forced not to challenge the system
	For fear of the outcome
	You are forced to go mute
	As your audience are non-existent
	You develop autistic tendency to support your child
	Joining to create reality and assure him he is not being judged
	That all his isms are normal.
	To me he is neurotypical
	As my world is his
	And he granted free access
	And can contain all his triggers and sensory needs

Sometimes we are both like theatre trailer with no full version People are watching, waiting, curiously and judgmentally No one is interrogating They go their ways with preconceived ideas Of who we are And what we are going through Sadly people see violence Than the suffering within Which was created by the system People see rebellion Than the state of imprisonment When he is forced to conform to the mood as detected Professionals who learn by the book generalised his needs Being a mum I used person centred and focused on his needs My gentle loving child was broken by the system People who are meant to support him Turned him into what he is not Uninterested in his well being But focused on his being sectioned And silenced as minus one Male from the black community It is all about silence But there is more to it Because when the child goes home I am left to tidy up their mess And mop up their wickedness Which was like a giant But now a speck of dust which i have blown away You will not understand the impact unless you have been in it, witnessing is not enough; It tells less than half the story. Autism is not an ailment or disorder but a psychopath.

It is a disembodied assailant whose vicious mission is to destabilise and rob families of their peace.

The autistic person is not the attacker but an instrument used to accomplish a mission. If the corporate force is the mind, then it has gained access to its victims and has been able to deploy its members to successfully carry out the missions.

It is quick, sudden, disempowering, and vicious and renders the observer mind blind. It lacks empathy and puts the victim in an awkward position to accept responsibility for lacking empathy. Sometimes it comes in a ghastly fashion accompanied by a feeling of anxiety. Assuming the victim had an insecure attachment it must have built a relationship with the victim from the mother's womb. Then it is almost impossible to cut the bond and the tie, already developed. Most times the mother is in a daydreaming moment and the terror is left to babysit the baby.

As she cannot contain her emotions but creates a fragile fragment in the envelope which shields the baby from the womb from intruders, giving room for the baby's mind to be reprogrammed as directed by the insecure attachment.

I am a mother to a victim and have witnessed most vicious attacks. He looks helpless, stoned and bamboozled as though experiencing a moment of absence seizure, but that's not it. Sometimes he steers in one direction as if observing something from a distance. Then he lashes out in a terrifying painful shrill, that one would think he had just seen a ghost. But not me, being a Christian I believe my house is fortified by angels and the hedge of protection is all around it.

Sometimes I see the image of the Incredible Hulk, a gentle giant suddenly transformed into a monster, hitting walls and causing damage, then a few minutes later quiet and sober. It is rather confusing to jump from one extreme emotion to the other. As a parent you are left to assimilate such intense uproar taking place in the comfort of your home. It is difficult to deal with a continuous state of uncertainty and emotional turbulence.

As a mother I look out for ways to improve and support Not how to weaken and turn him into a vegetable Which sectioning could have done, with chemicals pumped in his brain Moreso, being a black male makes it worse He is already a Terror himself I studied his moods and triggers Joining and positioning myself as his therapist and hand holding figure Helped me to figure it out The system gave him an edge As they labelled him as violent and feared him I had removed all the edges built around him And let him know i am the boss And i have his best interest I showered him with love and care And he learnt to trust again I respected him and treated him age appropriately And he danced to the tune of my music We are both enjoying living in peace Something that was forgone experiences Triggered by ignorance from people who call themselves experts. I wish I was rich and can afford private school and private care I bet my son would have reached The self esteem or even self actualisation in the hierarchy of needs The white privilege The power in possessing wealth which speaks to authorities and rewrites scripts The privilege of being female Prescribed as feeble, vulnerable and free spirited Engulfed in this gender war as a male He has no privilege and is emotionally constrained as having none.

Not So Special

Covid has a way of segregating us And making it obvious that we are but a minority An insignificant part of the human race They made it clear Do not resuscitate That means deny them Human right to exist Then they vaccinate

- They did not think about us
- A vaccination that is autistic friendly
- That means we don't have to be alive
- They have made the choice for us

They say wear mask Some of us are struggling to understand The breathing mechanism It is just about them Nothing about us We are sidelined Left as debris Waiting to be discarded Some of us are struggling with getting the test done Inserting an object in the most sensitive part of our body Is too close for comfort Personal space not considered Sensory needs ignored

They talk about Human Rights Act Maybe we are not human enough to have right Right to exist and have a say As to our existence or quality of life They talk about Deprivation of Liberty Act We do not even have liberty or one to be deprived of We are zombified and left to pretend that we are part of the human race Just a statistics They call us first world

A people with less problem and more civilization and development

Yet we crawl under the umbrella of segregation

Pretending to be diverse

We are terrified of the truth

That euthanasia is part of the blueprint of health care system

I thought by now

We have matured and grown into a people who are human enough

To see beyond disability and vulnerability Focusing more on humanity Than the perfection that never existed in life We have managed to conjure Life ideology In a place of ability Constrained by our shortsightedness That ability is not determined by anyone But life circumstances depending on how it steers us The happenstances of life are but **Rigid in nature** And makes no room for preferential treatment It is inevitable and unexpected It is like throwing a dice You cannot say where it will fall Until it rests in a place of its choice not the gambler or the player's choice They call us people with special needs This puts us on a pedestal of importance But that is not the true meaning It just means that we are different from the norm Abnormal and inadequate with no privileges accorded to humanity in its full faculty.

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