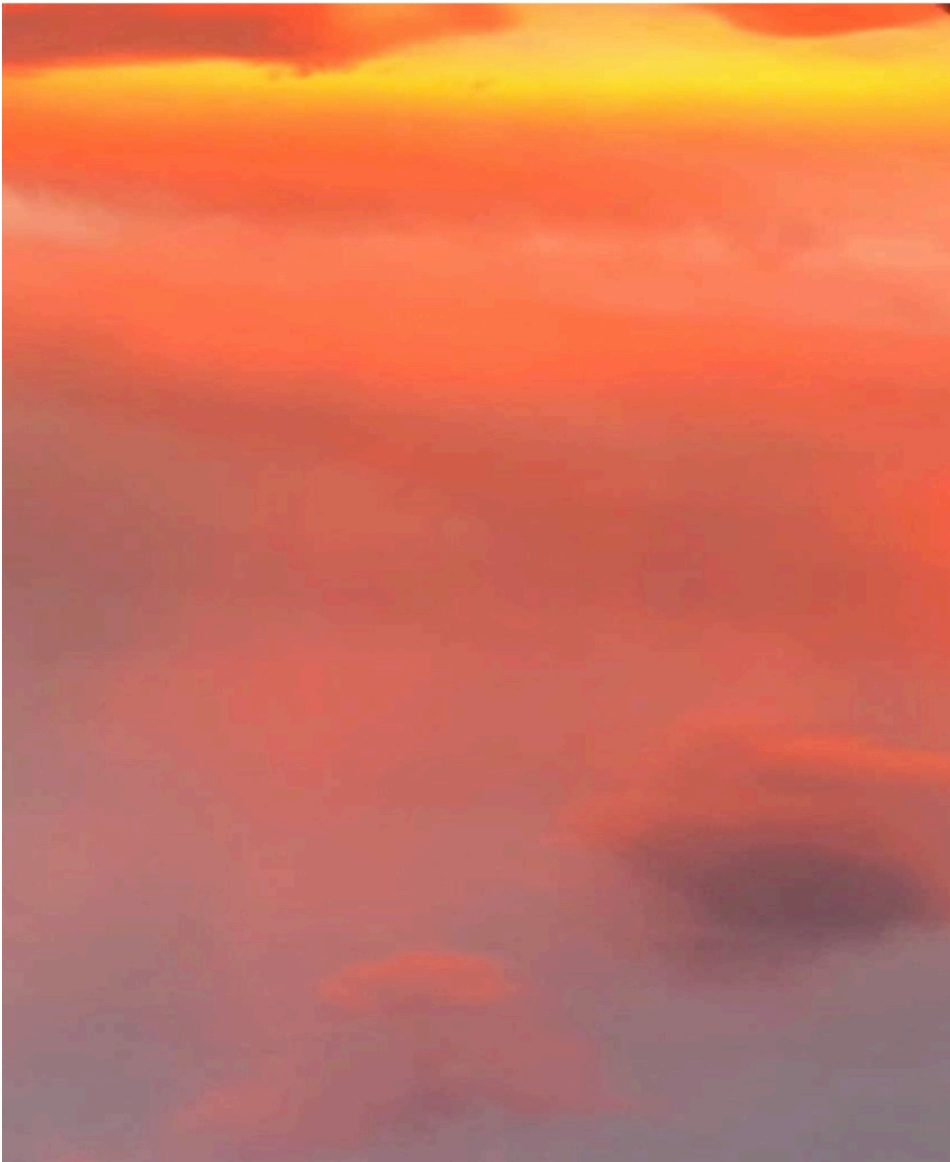


**New Poetry from Mbizo  
Chirasha: “Casava Republics,”  
“Sad Revolutionary  
Lullabies,” “Rhetorics”**



SUNSETS OF POLITICAL MASTURBATION / *image by Amalie Flynn*

**CASAVA  
REPUBLICS**

*Juba*

Child of lost sperm in sunsets of

political masturbation

*Wagadugu*

Deadline of our  
revolutions

*Darfur*

Constipated stomach ,disease ravaged,  
bloodless dozing monk.

*Nairobi*

Culture lost in the dust of Saxon lexicon  
and gutter slang

*Soweto*

Xenophobia  
Drunk and Afro-phobia sloshed.

*Marikana*

Cervical blister of the unfinished  
revolution fungi.

*Harare*

Corruption polonium deforming elders into  
political hoodlums

*Congo*

Lodge of secessionists and human  
guillotines

**SAD REVOLUTIONARY LULLABIES**

.....Sing songs of afghan circumcised,

Damascus masturbating bullets

Sing *Belafonte* Sing!

Of  
revolutions that never crawled, sing!

*Lumumba*, see whiz kids castrating  
political gods

*Nkurumah*, see them mutilating  
revolutionary goddesses

Sing *Kunta*, Sing *Kinte*

I am tired of revolutions importing  
colonial mood,

Propaganda decayed pimps frying anthems  
like *frikadels*

Tired savages roasting constitutions in  
corruption oil pans

Sing songs of freedoms that never walked,  
Sing!

## **RHETORICS**

*Mandela*, the summer sun that rose through  
rubbles of our winter

Gadafi and Sadamu making *shadufs* and  
pyramids

..... . another spring

*Obama and Osama* pulling rich political  
carrot in *Segorong*

Robin Island slept golden nightmares and  
charcoal dreams,

Soweto virgins cracking their under feet  
in the long walk to freedom

Faces carrying the burden of freedom and  
anthems.