

Nairobi here and there

Here.

Spacious gardens
wide streets
lined with jacaranda in bloom
a riot of blue on blue

There.

Sewage flowing freely
Narrow lanes
lined with sighs of hunger
a riot for food and shelter

here.

Muthaiga Club
chauffeur-driven mercs
smart children
well suited, full-bellied

there.

Mathare Valley
rush to catch the morning matatu
no children around
all working in sweat shops

Here and there

Muthaiga and Mathare
The consumers and the producers
The surfeited and the starved

Here and there

will become here and now
one day
the riot of colours will face
the riot for food
one day

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