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## Nziputa Mmekorita Mmadu na Ekerechi n'Abu Ederede Igbo a Hooro

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### **Abstract**

This study examines selected Igbo written poems so as to observe the extent to which the poets have represented various natural phenomena such as trees, sun, moon, rain, among others and the relationship between man and his environment in their poems. It is obvious that some Igbo poets like the Western poets represent some natural phenomena in their creative works. Their major concern is to project these natural phenomena and enhance the relationship between humans and these phenomena through their literary works. In spite of the efforts of many Igbo poets in representing different natural phenomena in their poems, previous studies have shown that some Igbo literary scholars, critics, teachers and students show more interest in studying other issues represented in Igbo written poetry like issues that border on the society, politics, leadership, gender, religion, culture, economy, among others. This shows that they do not have interest in the natural phenomena and the purpose for their representation in written Igbo poetry. It is against this backdrop that this study examines the natural phenomena prominent in the selected Igbo written poems so as to identify the nature of relationship between these natural phenomena and man as projected by the poets. The study adopted the ecocritical literary theory in analysing the selected poems and the data were presented descriptively. From the analysis, this study reveal that the selected poems represented the importance of some natural phenomena to man especially the economic values. This study also observed that

there is good relationship between the natural phenomena projected in the selected poems, among other findings. It is hoped that this study would help to project and enhance the relationship between man his environment.

### **Ụmị Ederede**

Ederede a na-eleba anya n'abụ ederede Igbo iji chọpụta ka ndị odeabụ a hōrō si zipụta ekerechi nakwa mmekọrịta mmadụ na ekerechi ha zipụtara n'abụ ha. Nchọpụta na-egosi na ndị odeabụ Igbo, dị ka ndị odeabụ Bekee na-ezipụta ekerechi dị iche iche n'abụ ha dika osisi, anyanwu, ọnwá, mmiri ozuzo, dgz. Olileanya ha bukariri ka ha site n'oru ekereuche ha gosiputa onodu ekerechi ndi a ma kwalitekwa mmekorita mmadu na ekerechi. N'agbanyeghi mbọ a otutu ndi odeabụ Igbo a na-agba n'iziputa ekerechi di iche iche n'abụ ha, o bu ihe doro anya na ufodu ndi okammuta agumagu Igbo, ndi ntule, ndi nkuzi na umu akwukwo kara nwe mmasi n'inyocha ihe ndi ozo a na-eziputa n'abụ Igbo di ka ihe gbasara oha obodo, ndorondoro ochichi, jenda, ekpemekpe, omenaala, usoro ichu nta akunauba, dgz. Nke a na-egosi na ndi a enwekebeghi mmasi n'inyocha ekerechi di iche iche a na-eziputa n'abụ Igbo iji ziputa ebumnobi ndi odeabu a gbasara ekerechi ndi ahụ. O bu onodu di etu a kpalitere ederede a nke ebumnobi ya bu itucha abụ ederede Igbo a hōrō iji gosiputa ka ndi odeabụ a hōrō si ziputa mmekorita mmadu na ekerechi n'abụ ha. A gbasoro atutu agumagu kegburugburu n'itucha abụ ndi a hōrō ma gbaso usoro nkowa n'iziputa nchocha e mere. Site na ntucha e mere, a choptara na ufodu ndi odeabụ Igbo na-eziputa oru di iche iche ekerechi na-arụ na uru ha baara mmadu. A choptara na ufodu ekerechi na-enye mmadu ego, ufodu ekerechi bu nri na-enye ndu. Ederede a

mekwara ka a chọputa na e nwere ezi mmekorịta n'etiti mmadu na ekerechi ndi a tuchara. A na-atu anya na a ga-esite na ederede a mee ka mmekorịta a di n'etiti agumagu Igbo, ekerechi, mmadu na gburugburu putu ihe.

### **Ndubanye**

Okwu a kpu n'onu n'oge ugbo a bu onodu ekerechi na ndu mmadu na gburugburu mmadu. O bu onodu a kpaliri ederede a nke na-eleba anya n'ufodu abu ederede Igbo a horo site n'atutu kegburugburu. Nwanchocha sitere n'oyoko abu a kporo Akpa Uche horo abu ekerechi ndi a: "Nkwu" na "Osisi na Ndu anyi" O gbasokwara atutu agumagu kegburugburu n'inyocha abu ndi a. Ebumnuche ederede nchocha a bu ka a chọputa ma o nwere mmekorịta di n'etiti agumagu Igbo, okachasi abu ederede Igbo, ekerechi, mmadu na gburugburu ya. A tutu anya na a ga-esikwa n'ederede a chọputa uzọ di iche iche ndi odeabu Igbo si eziputa ekerechi n'abu ha. Abu ndi a horo na-egosị na ufodu ndi odeabu Igbo nwere mmasi n'otutu ekerechi. Ha na-esite n'abu ha na-eto ekerechi, na-eziputa nkamma ha, na-akwalite onodu ha na ndu mmadu. Ha na-esitekwa n'abu ha na-eziputa oru na otutu uru ekerechi baara mmadu.

Ihe gbasara mmekorịta di n'etiti mmadu, ekerechi na gburugburu mmadu buzi okwu a kpu n'onu n'etiti otutu ndi okammuta ma burukwa ihe na-echu otutu ndi okammuta ura. Otu di iche iche ahutakwala mkpa o di ichekwa ekerechi na gburugburu mmadu. O bu nke a kpatara na ha na-ehibe ogbako di iche ma na-edekwa edemede di iche iche iji kwalite onodu ekerechi na gburugburu mmadu. Ka onwa Septemba afọ 2015 di na mkpuru ubochi iri abuo na isii, otu a na-akpo Green Life Foundations hibeere otutu ndi ntorobia ala Najirija asompi n'isiokwu gbasara onodu ekerechi na gburugburu mmadu n'ala Najirija. Ebumnoobi nke a bu ka ha kuziere ohanaze, okachasi ndi ntorobia, mkpa o di

na a na-elekota ma na-echekwaba ekerechi na gburugburu mmadu nke oma. Ozo, ka onwa Oktoba afo 2015 di na mkpuru ubochi asaa wee rue na nke iri, otu ozo a na-akpo Entomological Society of Nigeria nwere ogbakwo kwa afo ha n'isiokwu gbasara onodu mmuba umu ahuhu n'oru ugbo, n'onodu ahuike na nchekwa gburugburu. Ebumnoobi ha bu ka ha site n'ogbakwo a kuziere ohanazeze oru puru iche na uru di iche iche umu ahuhu di iche iche Chukwu okike kere dika anu, akika, ijiji, dgz baara mmadu. Ha turu anya na a ga-esite na nke a mee ka ohanazeze ghotawanye oru puru iche ekerechi naru nakwa uru di iche iche ekerechi baara mmadu.

Ndi odeabu Igbo n'akuku nke ha na-eziputakwa ekerechi di iche iche n'abu ha. Ebumnoobi ha bu ka ha sitekwa n'abu ha na-akpolite mmasi na akonauche ohanazeze n'ebe ekerechi di iche iche di. Olileanya bu na a ga-aesite n'ederede mee ka ohanazeze ghotawanye mmekorita di n'etiti mmadu na ekerechi nakwa mkpa o di inwe mmasi n'ebe ekerechi di iche iche di na ilekota anya na ichekwa ha nke oma.

### **Mmewere Abụ Igbo**

O nwere ihe di iche iche mewere abụ Igbo. N'ihe gbasra mmewere abụ Igbo, Anozie (2007:18) si, "Abụ niile mara mma na-agbagide ukwu nke ukwu na ndanusoro, nchoputa na-atu n'anya, asusu ogbara oheru tara mmiri na echiche a dokoro onu iji ziputa ike di ya n'ahu". N'ikwado Anozie, Uba-mgbemena (2012:vii) si,

Uzo ihe anọ mebere abụ Igbo. Ha bu: echiche, asusu, ndanusoro (rhythm) na mmetutaobi (emotion). Uzo ihe anọ a gbagotara aka buru abụ Igbo. O dighi otu, abuo moobu (sic) ato n'ime ha

nwere ike inye anyi ezigbo abụ Igbo. Ha abughị mmewere kwụ n'otu n'otu, kama ha dikọtara onu wee mewe abụ...

Ihe echiche Uba-Mgbemena a na-eme ka a mata bu na tupa a kpoọ ihe obula abụ, Igbo, na mmewere anọ ndi a: echiche, asusu, ndanusoro na mmetutaobi ga-ezuriri oke na ya. N'ihe gbasara echiche abụ, o gakwara n'ihu si,

N'abụ obula, echiche di ka ekwere e ji kpaa ya bu ekete bu abụ. So echiche abughị abụ, abụ abukwanighi so echiche. Echiche abụ di n'udi abụ. O nwere ike ibu echiche ukwu mọobu (sic) echiche nta. Ihe na-eme ka echiche abụ pu iche site n'iwelite ya elu, bu asusu obubabụ.

N'edemede abụ, odeabụ nwere ike iziputa echiche di n'abụ site n'ikwu maka Chukwu okike na ihe o kere, onwu na ndu, akunauba, ndorondoro ochichi, mmekorita mmadu na ibe ya, omenala, ekpemekpe, dgz. Ihe ndi a bu echiche di n'abụ. Echiche obula di n'abụ ederede Igbo nwere ka o si emetuta oguu na mmuo. Udi mmetuta a nwere ike ibu nke onu, nwute, ariri, egwu maobu ujo, obi ncheghari, akpomasi, dgz.

Ndanusoro bu mmewere abụ Igbo ozo Uba-Mgbemena (2012:viii) kwara. O si, "N'abụ obula, ndanusoro no nnukwu oru. O bu ya na-akpalite mmetutaobi n'ime onye na-agu mọobu (sic) na-egere abụ". Site n'ihu ndi a kwaputara ebe a, a ga-achoputa na mmewere abụ Igbo anọ ndi a e ziputara na-aruko oru onu iji ziputa ihe bu abụ Igbo n'uju.

### **Atụtụ Ederede**

A bịa na ngalaba agụmagu, dị ka ọ dị na ngalaba omenala na asụsụ, e nwere atụtụ nnyocha agụmagu dị iche iche. Dịka e kwuru n'elu, ederede a ga-aagbado ukwū n'atụtụ kegburugburu (ekokritisizim) n'inyocha abụ ndị a hōrō. Ihe kpatara e ji hōrō atụtụ bụ na ọ kara daba n'inyocha abụ ndị a hōrō. Atụtụ a metụtara ihe ọmụmụ dị iche iche. Aha ọzọ e ji mara atụtụ a bụ "Ecopoetics". Ọtụtụ ndi ọkammụta agụmagu enyela nkọwa gbasara atụtụ a n'uzọ dị iche iche. Glotfelty na Harold (1996) kọwara atụtụ kegburugburu dịka ọmụmụ mmekọrịta dị n'etiti agụmagu na gburugburu mmadụ. Na nkọwa ya, o mere ka a mata na ihe ọmụmụ a gụnyere ntụle nke na-agbanwe nghọta ọgụ n'ebe gburugburu ya dị nakwa oke na ọrụ dijiri ya n'ibelata mmekpaahụ ọ na-ewetara ya. Ọ kọwakwara na igbaso atụtụ a wee nyocha agụmagu pụtara iju ọtụtụ ajuju gbasara ka e si ziputa ekerechi n'akwukwọ agụmagu nakwa ọrụ ihe ekerechi ndi ahụ ruru na ya.

A chọputara atụtụ a n'agbata afọ 1960 na 1970. Mana ọ malitere gaba n'ihu n'afọ 1990. Ya bụ, a na-akọwa na ọ bụ n'afọ 1990 ka ọtụtụ ndi ntule agụmagu malitere nwebe mmasi na ya. N'igbaso atụtụ a wee nyocha akwukwọ agụmagu Dobie (2012:245) tụtụtakwara usoro a na-agbaso wee na-enyocha akwukwọ agụmagu site n'atụtụ kaegbata maọbụ ekokritisizim. O mere ka a mata na ebumnobi onye onyocha atụtụ ga-abụ itule ka e si ziputa ekerechi n'akwukwọ agụmagu ọ hōrō inyocha. Ọ kọwara na ihe mbụ onye ntule atụtụ a ga-eme bụ:

- I hōrō ihe a ga-agu maọbụ atule.
- Nke abuo bụ ichoputa maọbụ itule etu e si ziputa ihe ekerechi n'agụmagu.

- Nke atọ bụ ịchọputa ọrụ ihe ekerechi na-arụ n'akwukwo agumagu ahụ.

### **Ntuleghari Edemede Nchọputa ga**

Ọtụtụ ndị ọkammụta na ndị ntule agumagu ederede Igbo emeela ọtụtụ nchọcha ma deputakwa ederede nchọcha dị iche iche na ngalaba abụ ederede Igbo. N'ebe a, a ga-atule nchọputa ha dị iche iche.

Ugonna (1982) n'ederede ya lebara anya n'ọnọdụ na otuto abụ Igbo. O gbadoro ukwụ n'akwukwo abụ Igbo dị iche iche e biputarala wee kpebie na abụ Igbo na-eto n'uzo kwesiri ekwesị. O mekwara ka a mata na nke a ga-enye aka mee ka asusu Igbo gbanyesie mgborogwu ike. N'akuku nke ya, Uzochukwu (1982) n'ederede ya ruteru aka na nsogbu dị iche iche a na-enwe na ntule abụ ọnu. O gbadoro ukwụ na ndina na emereme wee kewaa abụ ọnu Igbo. O lebakwara anya n'etu mmenwere abụ si aputa ihe n'abụ ọnu Igbo.

N'ederede ya, Ikwubuzo (2001) tulere abụ ederede Igbo dị iche iche. O chọputara na ufodu ndi odeabu Igbo na-esite n'abụ ha wee na-eziputa echiche di iche iche ga-enye aka n'ikwalite idinootu na agamnihu obodo. N'ikwado Ikwubuzo, Jenkwe (2007), n'edemede ya chọputara na e nwere ike isite n'ufodu abụ gbadoro ukwụ n'ohaobodo wee kwalite agamnihu nke obodo.

Ozo, n'ederede ya, Ikwubuzo (2006) tuchara ufodu abụ Chukwuezi. O chọputara na Chukwuezi nwere nnukwu mmasi n'omenala Igbo. O chọputakwa na mmasi Chukwuezi nwere na nchekwa omenala Igbo abughi naani n'ejije ya ka o na-aputa ihe. Kama o na-aputakwa ihe n'abụ ya. O mekwara ka a mata na edemede Chukwezi mere ya ka o puta ihe dika onye Afrika na-egosikari mmasi na njirimara ndi Afrika.

N'ìga n'ihu, n'ederede ya ọzọ, Ikwubuzo (2007) lebara anya na mmalite, otuto na ọmụmụ abụ ederede Igbo. Ọ rụturu aka n'ìhe ndị na-akwalite otuto abụ ederede nke gunyere na ụfọdụ ndị odeabụ jizi aka ha ebiputa akwụkwọ abụ ha, ndị huru asusu Igbo n'anya na-eziputa mmasi ọhụụ n'ebe asusu Igbo dị, nsogbu ndorondoro ọtografi akwụsila, dgz. Ọ gakwara n'ihu tulee onodu abụ ederede Igbo n'oge ugbu a ma choputakwa ihe di iche iche e nwere ike ime ka abụ ederede Igbo na-etowanye. Ha gunyere: iweputa usoro ọmụmụ ọgbara ọhụụ di mfe n'omumu abụ ederede Igbo, ka ndi mmadu gbanwee akparamaagwa n'ebe asusu na agumagu Igbo di ma na-ahuta ha ka ihe omumu tozuru oke, ndi nkuzi agumagu Igbo kwesiri izulite nkaedide n'ime umu akwukwo site n'igba ha ume ka ha na-edeputa abụ nke ha, dgz.

Onah na Diala (2007) lebara anya n'odidi abụ ederede Igbo kwesiri ekwesi. Ha ziputara ihe ndi na-akwalite odidi abụ ederede Igbo dika: isiokwu dabara adaba, asusu maobu nhuokwu, nhuruuuuche dabara adaba, dgz. Na nchoputa ha, ha mere ka a mata na ufodu ndi odeabụ Igbo anaghi agbasocha ihe ndi a na-akwalite odidi abụ n'edemede ha. Mana nwa nchocha choputara na ihe kpatara nke a bu na otutu ndi odeabụ Igbo na-adabere n'ikenkeedideabụ ha wee na-edeputa abụ ha.

Okedjadi (2009) n'ederede ya kowara na e nwere ike igbaso usoro a kporo "Poetry Generating Loops" na nkuzi na omumu abụ wee kpolite mmuo na mmasi umu akwukwo n'ebe abụ di. Ọ kowara na usoro a ga-enye aka mee ka umu akwukwo na-aghotawanye nka di iche iche e ji ede abụ. O mekwara ka a mata na usoro a ga-enye aka zulite anya echiche umu akwukwo n'ide abụ nke ha. N'ikwado Okedjadi, Awugosi (2010) n'ederede ya lebara anya n'onodu nkuzi na omumu abụ ederede Igbo n'ulo



akwukwo di elu. O choputara na otutu umu akwukwo anaghizi enwe mmasi n'imu abu ederede Igbo. Ufodu si na abu tara akpu, ebe ufodu na-ekwu na asusu abu na-esi ike nghota. O gara n'ihu ziputa usoro di iche iche e nwere ike igbaso wee kwalite mmuo otutu umu akwukwo n'ebe abu ederede Igbo di .

N'ederede ya ozo, Okedjadi (2009) lebara anya n'ufodu abu Igbo gbadoro ukwu n'ochichi. O choputara na ufodu ndi odeabu Igbo na-eziputa ihe gbasara usoro ochichi n'abu ha. O mekwara ka a mata na ihe di iche iche ufodu ndi odeabu na-eziputa n'abu ha ga-enye aka n'ikwalite ezi ochichi na ochichi onye kwuo uche ya.

N'iga n'ihu, Nwibe (2010) n'ederede ya tulekwara ufodu abu ederede Igbo gbadoro ukwu na ndorondoro ochichi. O choputara na ufodu ndi odeabu na-esite n'abu ha wee katoo ochichi nchigbu ma kwalite ezi ochichi. N'akuku nke ya, Agwuna (2010) nyochara ufodu abu ikpe di *n'Uche bu Afa*. O choputara na ufodu ndi odeabu Igbo na-esite n'abu ikpe na nkocha wee katoo akparamagwa ojo di iche iche n'ohaobodo. O mere ka a mata na ebunnoobi udi abu a bu ka e site na ya mee ka akparamagwa ojo mmadu di iche iche belata n'ohaobodo.

N'ikwado Agwuna, Obi (2013) nyochakwara ufodu abu ikpe. O choputara na ikpe bu otu isiokwu ndi odeabu Igbo na-agbadokari ukwu na ya were eziputa oru nka ha. O kowakwara na ebunnoobi udi abu a bu ikato akparamagwa ojo di iche iche n'ohaobodo. Eze (2012) nyochara ufodu abu ederede Igbo. O choputara na ufodu ndi odeabu Igbo na-eziputa odimara di iche iche metutara omenaala n'abu ha. O mekwara ka a mata na ebunnoobi ha bu ka e site n'abu ederede Igbo chekwaba ma kwalite omenala na nkwenye ndi Igbo di iche iche.

N'aka nke ozo, Nwokoye (2012) lebara anya na nka ndi iche iche e ji edeputa abu. O choputara na nka ndi a na-enye aka eziputa nkamma n'abu. N'ebe oguu no, o mere ka a mata na o buru na oguu

nwee ezi mmụta gbasara nka ndị a, na ọ ga-eme ka ọmụmụ abụ Igbo dịrị ya mfe.

N’akụkụ nke ya, Nsolibe (2013) nyochara abụ ederede Igbo abụọ a: “Ụkọ N’uju” na “Ndị Ọchịchị” si n’akwụkwọ abụ a kpọrọ *Utara Ntị*. Ọ gbadoro ụkwụ n’abụ ndị a wee chọpụta na abụ Igbo bụ ngwaọrụ e nwere ike iji wee katọọ ọchịchị ma kwalite ezi ọchịchị n’ọhaobodo. N’ikwado Nsolibe, Nnyigide (2013) nyochakwara ụfọdụ abụ ederede Igbo gbadoro ụkwụ n’usoro ọchịchị. Ọ chọpụtara na ndị odeabụ Igbo na-ezipụta ihe dị iche iche ga-enye aka n’ikwalite ezi ọchịchị. Ọ mekwara ka a mata na ihe ndị a ga-enye aka n’ikwalite ezi nchekwa na nkwụsiike nke ọhaobodo.

Ọzọ, Nnyigide (2014) nyochara ụfọdụ abụ ederede Igbo gbadoro ụkwụ n’ọchịchị obodo. Ọ chọpụtara na ụfọdụ ndị odeabụ Igbo na-esite n’abụ ha wee na-ezipụta ụzọ dị iche iche a ga-esi wulite obodo. Ọzọkwa, Nnyigide (2014) nyochakwara ụfọdụ abụ ikpe ederede Igbo nakwa abụ ndị na-ezipụta nhurūwa ndị Igbo. Ọ chọpụtara na ụfọdụ ndị odeabụ Igbo na-esite n’edemede ekereuche ha wee zipụta ihe dị iche iche gbasara ndụ ndị Igbo na ka ha si elegara ụwa anya. Ọ mekwara ka a mata na ụfọdụ ndị odeabụ na-esitekwa n’abụ ha wee katọọ akparamagwa ojọọ dị iche iche a na-ahụ n’ọhaobodo. Ebumnobi ha bụ ka e site n’ụdị abụ a mee ka ihe ojọọ belata n’obodo.

N’akụkụ nke ya, Meludu (2014) lebara anya n’otụtụ abụ ederede Igbo nwere otu ụdị isiokwu. Ọ chọpụtara na ụfọdụ ndị odeabụ Igbo na-edekarị n’otu ụdị isiokwu. Ọ mekwara ka a mata na ha na-ezipụta echiche na akanka dị iche iche n’isiokwu ndị ahụ. Na nchọcha nke ya, Nnyigide (2015, 2017a, 2017b, 2017c) nyochara abụ ekerechi Igbo dị iche iche n’ụfọdụ akwụkwọ abụ na oyọkọabụ Igbo. E lebaa anya na nchọcha ndị a, ebe Nnyigide

(2015) gbadoro ukwu n'atutu agumagu a na-akpo ekokritisizim wee nnyochaa ufodu ekerechi e ziputara n'abu Igbo, Nnyigide (2017a) choputara ekerechi di iche iche ufodu ndi odee agumagu Igbo ziputara n'oru ekereuche ha, Nnyigide (2017b) sitere n'akwukwo abu a na-akpo Ije Uwa wee kowaputa ufodu ekerechi odeabu ahụ gosiputara n'abu ya, Nnyigide (2017c) nyochara abu ekerechi Igbo ufodu wee choputa nkaasusu di iche iche putara ihe na ha, ederede a na-eleba anya ma na-achoputa mmekorita di n'etiti mmadu na ekerechi. Ka o siladi, ihe mere ederede a ji di iche n'ederede ndi nke ozọ bu na o gbadoro ukwu naani n'ekerechi a kporo nkwu wee ziputa ezi mmekorita di n'etiti mmadu na ekerechi a.

### **Nkwa na Ntucha Abu a Horo**

#### **“Nkwu”**

“Nkwu” bu abu ekerechi e sitere n'*Akpa Uche* wee horo. N'ala Igbo, a choputara na osisi nkwu baara mmadu uru agaghi agutanwu onu. Nkwu bu osisi puru iche Chukwu okike ji gozie ndi Igbo. Ndi Igbo na-esite n'osisi a wee na-enweta ihe di iche iche ha ji enyere ndu aka. A choputara na ihe niile di n'osisi a, ya bu akuku ahụ osisi a niile a baara mmadu nnukwu uru n'uzo abula uzo. N'ezie, e wezuga osisi a, ndu mmadu na-ebi n'elu uwa agaghi atocha ya utu, ihe di iche iche mmadu na-eme agaghi adabacha nke oma. N'ala Igbo, a maara osisi a di ka “osisi na-ami ego.

N'akwukwo abu a bu *Akpa Uche*, a choputara na ndi odeabu ato gbadoro ukwu n'ekerechi a bu nkwu wee deputa abu ha. Nzeako na Ubesie kporo abu nke ha “Nkwu”. Mana Madukwe kporo nke ya “Osisi Na-ami Ego”. A choputara na echiche ndi odeabu a ziputara n'abu ha ndi a bu otu. Ha gbadochara ukwu n'abu ha wee kowaputa uru di iche ihce na mkpa ekerechi a na-egboro mmadu. Nke a na-egosi na ihe ekerechi a baara mmadu nnukwu uru. Ebe o bu na echiche di n'abu ato a bu otu, agaghi atucha abu

atọ ndị a ebe a. Kama a ga-agbado ụkwụ naanị n'abụ nke Nzeako. Ihe kpatara a ga-eji me nke a bụ na a chọputara na o ziputara ihe niile gbasara ekerechi a n'uzọ doro anya.

N'abụ a, Nzeako ji nkejiabụ iri na atọ wee kowaputa n'uju nnukwu uru ekerechi a baara mmadụ. Na nkeji abụ nke mbụ, ọ si,

“Ọ dị osisi bara nnu uru;  
Ọ dighi ihe di n'ahụ ya na-ala n'iyi.  
Ma mgbe ọ di ndụ, guzoro ọtọ;  
Ma mgbe ọ togboro n'ala n'onwu”.

Site na nkeji abụ a, odeabụ a na-akọwa na ihe ekerechi a bara nnukwu uru. N'agbanyeghi onodu obula o no, ya bu, ma o di ndu, ma o nwuru anwu, o dighi ihe di n'ahụ ya abaghi uru.

Na nkeji abụ nke abuo, odeabụ a kowara na nkwi na-enye aka oru. Nke a bu eziokwu n'ihia na ite mmanya bu aka oru e ji mara ndi a akpo Diochi n'ala Igbo. E mekwara ka a mata na a na-esite n'igu nkwi enweta aziza e ji aza ulo na igbegiri, ya bu udi nku e ji e si nri. Mmadu na-ejikwa ogugu si n'osisi nkwi echekwa akuku ubi di ka ji, ka ome ya ghara iwusa n'ala. O si,

“Mgbe nkwi di ndu na-eto,  
Di ochi na-aga tee mmai  
Igu ya na-enye aziza na igbegiri  
Ma osisi ya, ka a na-amanyere ji”.

Echiche Akunne (2014) dabara na nke odeabụ. O kwenyere na aziza a na-enweta na nkwi na-enye mmadụ ego. O mere ka mata na otutu ndi ntobija enweghi oru n'oge ugbo a ga-esitenwu n'ikpu

aziza, igbu akwu na ite mmanya na-enweta ego ha ji eleta ndu anya. Na nkeji abu nke ato, odeabu a mere ka a mata na o bughị naani mmadu ka ekerechi a baara uru. Kama, o bakwaara ufodu anumanu di ka ewu na aturu uru. Ha na-esite na ya enweta nri ha ji egbo aguu. O kowakwara na mmadu na-esi na nkwu enweta ekwere na igu nkwu o ji agba ogige. Nke a putara na nkwu na-arukwara mmadu oru nchekwa n'otu uzọ. Nke a bu eziokwu n'ihi na mmadu jiri ekwere na igu nkwu wee gbaa ogige n'ulo ya maobu n'ugbo ya, o ga-egbochi ihe ufodu nwere ike imekpa ya ahụ maobu ihe o korọ n'ugbo. O si,

“Mgbe aguu na-agu ewu na aturu;  
A na-enye ha igu nkwu ha ataa;  
O bu ekwere na igu nkwu;  
Ka mmadu na-eji agba ogige”.

Na nkeji abu nke ano, e ziputara ihe di iche iche na-abara mmadu na anumanu nnukwu uru, a na-esi na nkwu enweta di ka akwu, nke na-enye mmadu aku na mmanu. O kowakwara na o bughị naani mmadu ka akwu baara uru. Kama, o bakwaara umu anumanu di ka enwe, osa na uze nnukwu uru. A maara umu anumanu a di ka ndi ji akwu eme nri. Odeabu a kowakwara na a na-esi n'aku enweta ude ma jirikwa ichere aku emenwu oku. O si:

“Akwu na-enye mmadu aku na mmanu;  
Ma enwe na osa na uze na-ata akwu;  
O bughị n'aku ka a na-enweta ude?  
Ma jiri ichere aku na-emenwu oku”.

Na nkeji abu nke ise, odeabu a kowara na a na-ejikwa aburibu si n'aku emenwu oku. Aburibu a na-abara mmadu nnukwu uru

n’imenwu oku, okachasi n’oge udu mmiri. Nke a na-enyekwara ndi na-achu nta aka n’ihi na ha na-eji ya egwu onu ewi. O kowakwara na mmadu na-eji ogugu si na nkwu were eke elu ulo ma na-emekwa nku. O si,

“Aburibu ka a na-eji emenwu oku;  
Ma jiri ya na-egwu onu eyi;  
Ogugu kporo nku, ka e ji eke elu ulo;  
Ma jirikwa ya mee nku, n’ekwu oku”.

Na nkeji abu nke isii, odeabu a ziputakwara ihe di iche iche a na-esi na nkwu enweta di ka ngu, ya bu oghirigha akwu a kporo oku, nke mmadu ji ya na mmanu esi ncha. Mmadu na-ejikwa uduko nkwu e tere mmanu wee na-amanye oku o ji ahụ uzọ okachasi n’oge abali. O si,

“Oghirigha a kporo oku na mmanu;  
Ka mmadu na-eji esi ncha;  
Uduko nkwu e tere mmanu;  
Ka eji amanye oku n’oge abali”.

Odeabu a ji nkeji abu nke asaa, asato na nke iteghete wee kowaputa n’uju nnukwu oru na uru ihe akuku ahụ ekerechi a a na-akpo omu nkwu baara mmadu, okachasi ndi no n’ekpemekpe odinala Igbo. Na nkeji abu nke asaa, o kowaputara ihe di iche iche mmadu ji omu nkwu eme. O mere ka a mata na e ji ya ama ogu, jirikwa ya eke ihe okike. E jikwa ya egosiputa ulo a na-ere ere n’ike. O si,

“Omu nkwu, ka e ji ama ogu;

E jikwa ya eke ihe okike;  
Mgbe obula e kere ya n'ulo gburugburu;  
O gosiri na a na-ere ya ere n'ike”.

A choputara na omu nkwa bara nnukwu uru n'ekpemekpe odinala Igbo. O bu nke a mere e ji were ya di ka otu ngwa ekpemekpe odinaala Igbo. Na nkeji abu nke asato na nke iteghete, odeabu ziputara ihe di iche iche ufodu mmadu okachasi ndi no n'ekpemekpe odinaala ji omu nkwa eme. O si,

“Omu ka dibia na-akpa ka nkata;  
Nke ndi mmadu na-eji achu aja.  
Osis e gere omu gburugburu'  
Bu osisi ekwensu nke gburu mmadu

Ndi na-ago mmuo na-ege okwu aru si ha omu,  
Mgbe ha na-egburu arusi ha anu.  
Ugbo ala e gere omu n'azu na n'ihu,  
Gosiri na o bu ozu mmadu”

Site n'ihe a kwaputara na nkeji abu ndi a, a ga-achoputa na omu nkwa bu akuku ahu ihe ekerechi a putakarichara ihe ebe a n'ihu udi oru e ji ya aru. A na-ahuta ya di ka ihe di aso. Nke a mere na o na-akpalitekaru mmetutaobi egwu n'ebe obula e kenyere ya. Ihe ndi a niile na-egosi na omu nkwa nwere nnukwu onodu na ezi mputara na ndu na nkwenye ndi Igbo.

Na nkeji abu nke iri, e ziputakwara ufodu uru akuku ahu ekerechi a bakwaara mmadu. O si,  
Ogugu na ekwere ka e ji akpa nkata,  
Ma jiri ogwe nkwa mezie uzor;  
Ma o bu warie ya ogologo wee kee ulor;

Ma ọ bụ gwuo ya n’ala ka ọ bụrụ azụ ụlọ.

Site na nkeji abụ a, a ga-achọputa na a na-esitekwa na nkwa enweta ogugu na ekwere mmadu ji akpa nkata, nke o ji ebu ihe. E ziputakwara uru ogwe nkwa bara na nkeji a. Odeabu a mere ka a mata na e nwere ike iji ya mezi ụzọ. E nwekwara ike iji ya kee maobu wube azu ulo.

Na nkeji abụ nke iri na otu, odeabu a ziputara uru ozo putara ihe ekerechi a baara mmadu. O si,

“Nkwu na-enye mmadu otutu ego;  
Ma o choghi onye ume ngwu;  
N’ihi otutu oru o na-enye mmadu”.

Site na nkeji abụ a, a ga-achọputa na nkwa na-enye mmadu otutu ego. Odeabu a mekwara ka a mata na nkwa achoghi onye di ume ngwu maka na o na-enye mmadu otutu oru. Nke a na-egosi na o bu ndi gbasiri ike ga-emenwu ihe di na nkwa. Nke a bu eziokwu n’ihi na di ka odeabu a si kowa n’abu a, na o dighi ihe di n’ahu nkwa na-ala n’iyi, o putara na nkwa chorod ndi gbasiri ike, ndi ga-enwe ike iji akuku ahụ nkwa di iche iche wee meputa otutu ihe ga-abara mmadu uru.

Odeabu a jizi nkeji abụ nke iri na abuo wee kowaputa odidi nkwa. O mere ka a mata na nkwa na-etokari ogologo. O naghị ebu ibu ka osisi ndi ozo. O naghikwa agbanyesi mgborogwu ike n’ala. Nke a mere na ikuku na-ebutukari ya. O si,

“Lee ka nkwa si eto ogologo;  
Ma o bughị ibu ka osisi ndi ozo;



Ọ gbanyeghị mkporogwu nke oma n'ala;  
Ya mere, ọ na-ada mgbe ikuku kuru”.

Na nkeji abụ nke iri na atọ, odeabụ a kowara na nkwa nwere obi oma nke ukwu. Ọ bụ nke a mere na ọ na-azu mmadu, nnunu na anu ohia nri. N'agbanyeghi nke a, odeabụ a jikwa nkeji abụ a wee riu nkwa aririọ ka ọ kwusi itigbu okuko. Nke a na-egosi na nkwa na-etigbukari okuko oge obula ọ daturu n'ala, n'ihhi na ọ naghị agbanyesi mgborogwu ike n'ala ka osisi ndi ozo. Ọ si,

“Nkwu nwere obi oma nke ya;  
Na-azu mmadu, nnunu na anu ohia;  
Ma ọ di aririọ m ga-ariọ gi;  
Ka i ghara itigbu okuko ozo”.

Site na nkeji abụ a, a ga-achoputa na ọ bughị naani mmadu ka ihe ekerechi a bụ nkwa baara nnukwu uru. Kama ọ bakwaara anu ufe na anu ohia di iche iche nnukwu uru. Ha na-esi na nkwa enweta ihe oriri. Ozo, a ga-achoputakwa na o nweghi uzọ obula e ziputara ihe ekerechi a si emekpa mmadu ahụ. Mana ọ na-emekpa ufodu ihe e kere eke ahụ di ka okuko. Ọ bụ nke a mere odeabụ a ji jiri abụ a wee riu nkwa aririọ ka ọ kwusi imekpa okuko ahụ.

Ọ buru na agbaso usoro atutu kegburugburu wee nyochaa abụ a, a ga-achoputa na ekerechi e ziputara n'abụ a bụ osisi a na-akpo Nkwu. Odeabụ a sitere n'abụ a wee ziputa na e nwere ezi mmekorita n'etiti ihe ekerechi a na mmadu. O mere ka a mata na ihe ekerechi a baara mmadu nnu uru. Ya bụ a gaghị agutanwu uru di iche iche ekerechi a baara mamdu. Nke a bụ eziokwu n'ihhi na odeabụ a mere ka a mata na ọ dighi ihe di n'ahụ ekerechi a na-ala n'iyi. Akuku ahụ ya niile bachaara mmadu uru. Ọ na-enye mmadu mmanu, aku, ekwere, ogugu, omu, aziza, ngu, aburibu, dgz.

Mmadu na-erekwa ihe ndi a wee na-enweta ego. Odeabu a kowakwara na o bughị naani mmadu ka ihe ekerechi a baara uru. Kama o bakwaara nnuu na anu ohia di iche iche uru. Ha na-esi na ya enweta ihe oriri. Ufodu umu anumanu jikwa ya mere ebe obibi. N'abu a, e nweghi ka e si ziputa mmekpaahu ihe ekerechi a na-enye mmadu. Kama e mere ka a mata na o na-emekpa ufodu ihe e kere eke di ka okuko ahụ. Nke a putara na e nwere ezi mmekorita n'etiti mamdu na ekerechi a. Ihe gbakariri elu n'abu a bu uru di iche iche ekerechi a baara mmadu. Odeabu ji nkeji abu a niile wee ziputa uru ndi ahụ n'otu n'otu. O gbadoro ukwu na nke a wee na-akpolite mmasi ndi oguu n'ebe ekerechi a di. Site n'uru ndi a o ruturu aka, o na-echetara ndi oguu na ohanaeze oke na oru diri ha n'ilekota na n'ichekwa ekerechi a.

### **“Osisi na Ndu Anyi”**

Abu ozo e sitere n' *Akpa Uche* wee horo bu abu Ogunjiofo o kporo “Osisi na Ndu Anyi”. Dika aha e nyere abu a si di, odeabu a ji abu a wee kowaputa na ndu mmadu di dabeere n'osisi. O gbadoro ukwu n'abu a wee kowaputa oru na uru di iche iche osisi di iche iche Chukwu okike kere baara mmadu. N'abu a, odeabu a webatara ndanusoro na nkaasusu di iche iche di ka mmemmadu, igbuduokwu, mmemmadu, dgz n'ikowaputa onodu osisi di iche iche na ndu mmadu. O sitekwara n'abu ya wee kowaputa na e nwere ezi mmekorita n'etiti mmadu na ekerechi a bu osisi. O mekwara ka a mata na ufodu osisi Chineke kere na-enye aka akwalite onodu ahuike na ndu mmadu. Nke a na-egosi na ndu agaghi atocha mmadu utu ma e wezuga osisi di iche iche Chineke kere.

Site na nkeji abụ nke atọ, odeabụ a mere ka a mata na mmadụ na-esite n’osisi dị iche iche dị n’ohia enweta ndụ, ihe oriri na ogwu. O si,

“Ndu na umu ya bi n’ohia;  
Onye chorọ ha, o bawa ohia;  
Onye agwu ji chowa nri;  
Nri o na-achọ bu osisi;  
Onye oria ji chowa ogwu;  
Ogwu o na-achọ bu osisi”.

Nkeji abụ a mere ka a mata na a na-esite n’osisi enweta ogwu e ji agwu mmadụ oria. Nke a bu eziokwu n’ihi na otutu ndi dibia Igbo na-esi n’osisi emeputa ogwu di iche ha ji agwu mmadụ oria. Na nkeji abụ nke anọ, odeabụ a kpọturu aha osisi ndi ahụ kacha bara mmadụ uru. Ha bu Nkwu na Ngwu. O kowara na osisi abuo a kacha enye mmadụ ego na aka oru. O webatara nkaasusu a na-akpo mmemmadu mgbe o si, “Nkwu na ngwu bewe akwa” iji wee kowaputa na ndi Diochi na-esite n’osisi nkwu na ngwu eteta mmanya, nke ha na-ereta ego. O kowakwara na ego a na-esi na nkwu na ngwu enweta na-enye mmadụ ikike, ike na uba. Nke a bu eziokwu n’ihi na o bu onye nwere ego ka onu na-eru n’okwu n’ala Igbo n’oge ugbo a. Di ka a huru n’abu Nzeako o kporo “Nkwu” n’elu, odeabụ a kwenyekwara na ihe ekerechi a bu nkwu baara mmadụ nnukwu uru. O ji nkaasusu a na-akpo igbuduokwu wee kowaputa na onye kuru nkwu kuru ego. O si,

“Nkwu na ngwu ejula ohia;  
Onye kuru ka kuru ego;  
Nkwu na ngwu bewe akwa.  
Umu di ochi akpawa ego.

Onye nwere ego nwere ọnu.  
Onye nwere ọnu nwere ike  
Ntutuko aku aghaghi uba  
Onye di ndu abachaala”.

Ọ buru na a gumie ahiri nke abuo, nke ato na nke ano, a ga-aghota na osisi Nkwu na Ngwo bucha oke osisi bara nnukwu uru na ndu mmadu. Ha kacha enye mmadu ego. Nke a bu eziokwu n’ihi na ihe niile di n’ahu ha bachara uru. Nke a na-egosi na onye obula kuru ha ga-aburiri ogaranya. Atumatuokwu a e webatara na nkeji a- “Nkwu na ngwo bewe akwa” putara mmanya na-esi n’osisi ndi a aputa. Udi atumatuokwu a odeabu a webatara ebe a ka a na-akpo mmemmadu. O ji nke a kowaputa na nkwu na ngwo na-agbapukari mmanya. “Umụ di ochi akpawa ego” putara na ndi aka oru ha bu ite mmanya; ndi a na-akpo Diochi na-esite na mmanya ha tetara na Nkwu na Ngwo ereta ego. Site na nkeji abu a, a ga-achopata na onye obula nwere osisi nkwu na ngwo ri nne ga-enweriri ego na akunauba ndi ozo e ji eleta ndu anya. Nke a na-egosi na e nwere ezi mmekorita n’etiti ekerechi a na mmadu.

Odeabu a sitere na nkeji abu nke ise wee kowaputa mmekorita di n’etiti ekerechi a na ihe ndi ozo e kere eke di ka ala. O kowara na o buru na akwukwo osisi chachaa daa n’ala ma ree ure, na o na-azu ala, ala azukwazie ihe a konyere n’ala. Nke a putara na o name ka akuku ubi mmadu konyere n’ala meputa nri nke oma. O si,

“Oru e kere eke mara mma;  
Akwukwo rere ere zuo ala;  
Ala o zuru na-azukwa nri;  
Osisi gbaa egwu, ufufe bja,

Ikuku dī njo alaa elu;  
Ndi mmadu na ndu na-eme;  
Ndi no n'oria agbakeekwa”.

Na nkeji abu a, a ga-achoputa na odeabu a webatara nkaasusu a na-akpo mmemmadu iji kowa na mgbe osisi na-emeghari ahụ, mmadu na-enweta ezigbo ikuku, nke na-eme ka ikuku ojojo laa elu. Ikuku oma si n'osisi abia na-edozi ndu mmadu ma na-agwokwa mmadu oria di iche iche.

O buru na a gbaso usoro atutu kegburugburu wee nyochaa abu a, a ga-achoputa na ihe ekerechi e ziputara na ya bu osisi di iche iche Chukwu okike kere ka ha na-aruru mmadu oru puru iche ma bakwaara mmadu nnukwu uru. Osis ndi a kpotukarichara aha ha n'abu a bu: nkwu na ngwo. Odeabu a ji abu a wee kowaputa onodu osisi di iche iche no na ndu mmadu. Di ka aha o nyere abu a, o kowara na ndu mmadu dabeere n'osisi. Nke a na-egosi na ekerechi a anaghi emekpa mmadu ahụ. Kama e nwere ezi mmekorita n'etiti ihe ekerechi a, mmadu na ihe ndi ozo. E sitere n'abu a ziputa oru na uru di iche iche ihe ekerechi a baara mmadu. O na-enye mmadu ndu, ihe oriri, ego, ma na-agwokwa mmadu oria. Ihe e ziputakariri n'abu a bu uru osisi bara na ndu mmadu. Odeabu a gbadoro ukwu n'otutu uru a osisi baara mmadu wee na-akpolite mmasi ndi oguu n'ebe ekerechi a di. O sitekwara n'abu a wee na-echetara ndi oguu na ohanaze oke na oru diiri ha n'ichekwa ekerechi a n'ihi na ndu mmadu dabeere na ya.

### **Nchikota Nchoputa na Mmechi**

Ederede a lebara anya n'uzo di iche iche ndi odeabu a hooro si ziputa mmekorita mmadu na ekerechi. Site na ntucha e mere, nwanchocha choputara na ndi odeabu Igbo na-eziputa ekerechi di iche iche n'abu ha iji kpolite mmasi ndi oguu na ohanaze n'ebe

ekerechi ndi ahụ di. Ndi odeabụ e nyochara si n'abụ ha gosiputa na e nwere ezi mmekọrịta n'etiti mmadu na ekerechi ndi ha ziputara n'abụ ha. N'abụ a kporo "Nkwu", odeabụ gosiputara otutu uru mmadu si n'osisi Nkwu erite. O mere ka ndi oguu na ohanaze ghotu na ihe niile di n'osisi Nkwu, ya bu akuku ahụ osisi Nkwu niile baara mmadu uru. Odeabụ a mere ka a mata na Nkwu na-enye mmadu mmanu, aku, ekwere, ogugu, omu, aziza, ngu, aburibu, dgz. Mmadu na-erekwa ihe ndi a wee na-enweta ego. Odeabụ a kowakwara na o bughị naani mmadu ka ihe ekerechi a baara uru. Kama o bakwara nnuu na anu ohia di iche iche uru. Ha na-esi na ya enweta ihe oriri. Ufodu umu anumanu jikwa ya mere ebe obibi. A bikwa n'abụ a kporo "Osis na Ndu Anyi" odeabụ ziputakwara uru di iche osisi di iche iche Chukwu Okike kere baara mmadu. Osis ndi a kotukarichara aha ha n'abụ a bu: nkwu na ngwo. Dika odeabụ si kowa, ekerechi ndi a e ziputara n'abụ a na-enye mmadu ndu, ihe oriri, ego, ma na-agwokwa mmadu oria. O mekwara ka ndi oguu na ohanaze ghotu na ndu mmadu na-adị dabeere n'osisi. Ya mere, site n'abụ ndi e nyochara n'ederede a, o bu ihe doro anya na ndi odeabụ a ji abụ ha na-akpolite mmasi ndi oguu na ohanaze n'ebe ekerechi a di ma na-echetakwara ha oke na oru diiri ha n'ichekwa ekerechi di iche iche na gburugburu ha. N'ih nke a, a na-atu anya na ederede a ga-enye aka mee ka ezi mmekọrịta di n'etiti mmadu na ekerechi di iche dowaga ohanaze anya.

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