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## WHEN I CONSIDERED

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When I considered  
in lucid drunken anger  
the freaks of Africa  
I hollered: UHURU, a whore!  
A shout shook me shuddering the shack bar:  
Come back! Come back, white man! Come back to Africa!  
EVERYTHING FORGIVEN!  
"You out of your cotton picking head," Malcolm corrected.  
"Booze-poison messing up your head, Bushman.  
Whitey ain't never left Africa: he ain't even absent.  
These uncle tom knee-grow African freaks fronting for him  
minding the store.  
Every shut eye ain't sleep,  
Every good-bye ain't gone."