

NO WAY OUT – poetry, prose, short stories, essays, articles and anecdotes – By Arnold Bathersfield

Translucent!
Ah! Translucency – Light through the eye of a needle –
Dialogue! Dialogue!
Who - initiated it?
Transformation! Transformation!
Drum! Drum! Drum! Paradiddle! Paradiddle!
Holistic Human Interaction – Transparency – Yes! Transparency –
Deliberately Induced!
Testimony of the People – By the People –
Village by Village – Town by Town - -
Better Governance – Local Government –
Empower the people – Outlaw Corruption!
People make History –
Set the stage for social change - - Education! Education!
People are the Library of Guyana –
Testimony of the People – of the People! By the People –
All races – Yes All Races –
The Amerindians – Yes! Amerindians –
The Elderly, Women, Men, Children- all ages! –
Embrace the poor and downtrodden – Phenomena of Pain and
Suffering – Tragic Human Experience –
Talk with them – Let them speak - -
Only who suffer can explain their plight – it cannot be intellectualized
by arguments –
“All” must be involved - -
Let us talk – Do not encroach – Perils – Legal Repression –
Who will enforce the Laws?
People’s Power! People’s Power!
Drum! Drum! Drum! Paradiddle! Paradiddle!
Intellectuals must retool self – relinquish the “paternalistic teacher- student
relationship” – “men educate each other through the mediation of the word” –
New awareness of self – Embrace it Critically – No Domination! Domination!
Create foot prints – Voice of the Voiceless – Voice for the Voiceless –
Humble Self – Understand the Impoverished – Indigents! Yes! Indigents! –
No Status Quo --- Status Quo! –
Actions do not match words – Words –
Knowledge – The relativity of Knowing – Yes! In Knowing
Be a partner to dialogue – hidden truths will evolve ...
“Aid the People to clarify the issues with which they struggle –
to critically examine their basic assumptions, and help them to interpret
themselves and the world” --- Self Awareness ---
Glowing Light – Transformation! Oh! Transformation –
Integrity! Integrity!
Drum! Drum! Drum! Paradiddle! Paradiddle!

Repercussions! Repercussions! Lingering –
Seeds of hatred and division sowed through systemic manipulation –
Emotions! Emotions! I-ness Glowing – Subjectivity – Subjectivity!
Individualism! Individualism! – Cognitive Dissonance –
Cynicism can create and breed prophets of doom – Foster new Patriotism –
Many intellectuals are trained to perpetuate systems and they talk among
themselves – Yes! Among themselves – Pedants – Social agents – Current
Reality – Male Chauvinism - - Reactionary Styles –
Dialogue! Dialogue! Refine Consciousness –
“Hate destroys us” It can be induced – Yes! Induced. “React to behavior” –
Analyze! Understand the spirit of resistance – Freedom is irreversible –
Never compromise the message of Human Dignity – The struggle continues –
People’s Power! People’s sense – Common sense – Yes! Common sense - -
Is this metaphoric?
I am not trained - -
Our past legacy can be undone and put right –
Drum! Drum! Drum! Paradiddle! Paradiddle!
Unity and sacrifice – Yes! Unity and Sacrifice -
Pay homage and tribute to “All” Life Forms – and Forebearers –
Forebearers! Truth Surging – Consciousness Evolving – Yes! Evolving
Consciousness – Drum! Drum! Drum! –
“A circle of Trust”
Liberation from Subordination - - Education! Education!
Critical Consciousness!
Be fully Human – Yes! “More fully Human” –
Harmonize meaningfully through self awareness and clarity – More love –Less
hate – No absolutes – Yes! No absolutes –
If you are alive you will make mistakes – they are inevitable – learn from them-
Excel- Yes! Excel –
Forces of life are in motion – In Motion ---
How one redeems “Paramountcy” –
Yes! Party Paramountcy – Overlords –Culture and Tradition –
Contradictions! Contradictions! Conflicts! Conflicts!
Resolve Them –
Be whole – transform history into concrete reality through education –
Be constructive –
Analyze! Analyze! – The Indo-European mind set of the world- world’s-
Garrison mentality! –
Create and define a Guyana reality and possibilities. Yes! Guyana reality and
possibilities – Empower the People –
Create a Nation that embodies Humanity of all shades...
Create perspectives – understand life lessons, convictions and directions –
Cultural Heritage – Tradition – Inculcate Aspirations –
Drum! Drum! Drum! Paradiddle! Paradiddle!

What makes a Nation?

What makes a nation – I am asking – you can define it- The People! – The People!
Reality of self- Knowledge of truth – mutual respect- duality – serving the
common good - defend space

Oh! My people! My People!

Understand roles and the modes of conditioning – Yes! Conditioning –
Loosen up! Loosen up! – unshackle your minds – Breathe- The Breath!
Uplift each other – Do not be rigid –
Vocalize change! Yes Change –

Drum! Drum! Drum! Paradiddle! Paradiddle!

Pain and disdain linger – Purge self –

Events! Things are interrelated and interdependent – Vision – Snap shots,-
Scrutinize – patchwork – Selective Bias –

Indigenous perspectives – (rights), Slavery – Emancipation, Indentureship,
Migration, Summary justice – State terrorism

Victims of circumstance – Zacks, Affarani, Father Darke, Ohene Koame,
Dublin, Vincent Teekah, Nashantie Persaud, Walter Rodney, Rose Ann Barrow
(shot), Appata (jailed), Twelly (jailed), and Shaka Blair – just to name a few ...

Remember Rabbi Washington (Blackbirding)!!! State Repression –

Be apprised of these references and realities – examine them – bottom up!

The order of the day – Catholic Standard, Day Clean, Mirror, Open Word,
Contact, Radio Antilles, - The Traders—Bread! Butter! Cheese! Etc....

State Mechanisms – Chit, Hampers, Tear gas, Black Clothes unit – Police
Brutality, Drug wars – Phantom Squads – Extrajudicial Killings – Buxton under
Siege.....

Oh! Life lessons – All Life Lessons – Divine Drama to some ---

“A people”- “A Nation” – “A Community” – undefined –

Drum! Drum! Drum! Paradiddle! Paradiddle!

What is the nature of man?

Are humans political beings? – Hunters/Predators –

It is said that the “King Cobra” can spit their venom from a distance!

Oh! I-ness, contradicts nature –

Then how you mirror the future for - A People? A Nation? A Community?
Surge Truth! – Half Truth! – Profound state of awareness – Yes! Profound state
of awareness – Forge an identity – Peoples Power! Reconciliation!

Reconciliation! People’s Power!

Drum! Drum! Drum! Paradiddle! Paradiddle!

Truth Commission – Commissions! – Psychotherapy –

Find the Balance – Yin and Yang –

Redemption! Redemption! Oh! Redemption –

Merger/Amalgamation/Consolidation/Alliance –

State Power! State Power! – Elusory! Elusory!

Elevation! Elevation! Oh! Elevation –“using any means necessary”

Even Brinkmanship – “Theory of Coalescing” ---
Realpolitik! Political realism ---
Identity! Identity! Yes! Identity.
Who is the redeemer?
Who are the redeemers?
Who will dominate the sacred discourse? Discourses?
Who! Who! Who!
Who gets what! Yes! Who decides who gets what?
Who will examine and understand the “divine drama” – sagaciously –
Who is sensitive about the vulnerability of the human conditions – altruistically-
Drum! Drum! Drum! Paradiddle! Paradiddle!
“Matters of State”- Politics! Deceptive – Yes! Deceptive –
Where are the People? The Govern – Yes! Govern –
Participatory democracy – structure of a Nation – Constitution! Constitution!
Ah! Constitution – Dogma of legal metaphors –
Who! Who! Who! What! What! What!
Diversity is essential – Yes! Diversity – Create Partnerships through collaboration –
Women are central – Lift them up – Yes! Lift them up – Women are the soul of all
Nations! Enlightenment – Restore them –
Drum! Drum! Drum! Paradiddle! Paradiddle!
Many reference Trinidad and Tobago – Power Alliance – “Peoples Partnership”
Oh! Trinidad and Tobago –
Intuitive perception – Yes! Intuitive perception- -
Socio political ideological power arrangements – we salute you for understanding
the elements and totality of the communal customs and cultural beliefs of your
people garnered and forged in “carnival”- a cultural fusion and the voting patterns
that embraces reality – Maturity.
Power up!
Guyana’s vulnerable body politics is realizing a new day – self-actualization –
Remember waves Yes! Waves
Thought stimulators
Thunder – Thunder –
Lightning – Lightning –
Lightning and Thunder – universal forces –
The forces of nature –
The Drum! The Drum! –
The Drum! Hidden vibration – vibrations –
Vibrations surging – Truth – Truth – Truth –
Merger – Movement designated – Yes! Designated –
People’s Power! People’s Power! –
Review Poetic Maestro Ras Michael’s “Church & State” – Thought Provoking –

Remember “Every Cook Can Govern” –
All must be involved – All!
Students of the world (worlds) – Plato did not see “the significance of poetry”
- and he was a student of Hermetic teachings ...
- Research Tehuti/Thoth.....
View Paulo Freire –Pedagogy Of The Oppressed – “Dialogue is the essence of
Revolutionary action”.....
Be apprised – Thomas Sankara Speaks – The Burkina Faso Revolution 1983-87 –
“The Revolution cannot triumph without the emancipation of women”
Yes! Stay the course – Critical Consciousness –
Many schools of thought – Rudolph V. Vanterpool – In Job’s Sandals – “Only the
sufferer knows the true weight and magnitude of the afflictions”.....
Sages are known as Tirthankaras – Yes! Tirthankaras –
Understand the “Plane” of Correspondence
Drum! Drum! Drum! Paradiddle! Paradiddle!
Breathe! Breathe! The rejuvenating Breath ...Taste it ...Yes! Taste it –
As we salute the resolve of Brother Eusi Kwayana – The Buxton Sage to many for the
body of work (works) and his commitment to transformation through education –
We thank you – and salute you!
Drum! Drum! Drum!
To Sister Tchaiko Kwayana – for your unique approach in nurturing “Critical
Consciousness” we uplift you – Power Up!
Drum! Drum! Drum!
Wake up my People! Wake Up! –
Take the rejuvenating Breathe – Breathe it – Understand it – “Oneness” –
Eradicate the system of bigotry in “body politics” skirted through race and racism
masked by Political Power – view the Guyanese class structure – imposition of
the classes – and the market economy – street dynamics – critically –
All must be involved – All!
Preserve the common good – lift the Nation up!
Yes! Lift the Nation Up! Be Vigilant!
Translucent!

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