

PANTHER'S  
DIARY

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Patrick Ochieng Adholla's poetry reflects his disillusionment at the loss of civilized values in the modern world: the obsession with status and material possessions, the declining capacity for humane bonding and the impact on African society.

## **MAMA LEAH**

Grandma  
told us during her times people were not the same:

Money was not important; it was not making them insane,

Grandma told us during her times people were not the same;

Sharing was not a problem; no one was left starving in pain.

She said children used to play naked with happiness and joy,

Fashion was not supreme so clothes were not in their ploy.

She said diseases were few, food was not modified;

Meals were boiled for hours with fresh milk coming from cows.

She said they had respect for elders; the world was not the same,

What she saw in her lifetime was not meant to happen.

Teachers were not drinking and raping, education was good,

Unemployed graduates cleaning toilets is something new.

Grandma told us during her times, the world was not the same,

Technologies that came up changed how we communicate,

Grandma told us during her times, the world was not the same,

In less than a century, I just wonder what has happened.