

Apartheid Poems

1.

**Non-being**

non-white  
non-entity  
I think but am not  
but to think I am not  
is to be  
not what I can  
but what I must  
invisible  
unseen  
In shades of yellow, brown and black  
that fade in the white glare  
of the being one

2.

**Emmanu-EI**

speak  
if you dare  
of a Christ  
of a saviour  
of a man who died on a cross  
for my sins

who will die for yours  
Mister Boss Man

3

**Prayer**

Let us prey  
for we were set on earth  
to prey  
prey on those beneath  
who pray to those above  
that we  
will not prey  
on them

God be merciful  
We cannot

4.

## **Ubuntu**

kill, kill, kill  
kill the spirit  
chain the mind  
blind the heart  
turn black to grey  
and white to right  
for a slave  
my slave  
made in my image

inhuman  
savage.