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The work is dedicated to my wife Julie and to my four sons, K.K. Nana, Yaw and Kwaku.

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Foreword

This book has been a long project dating back to my student days in Achimota School. That is a span of about 35 years. The themes around which the poems revolve, range from day to day activities like funerals, markets etc, to the environment, travelling, love, politics. I sincerely hope there will be a subject for every reader.

I would like to wish my readers, happy and enjoyable reading.

J. A. A.

A REAL PRINCE

I.

Twenty and six years
He silently bore,
A modern cross
Of technological torture.
Yet unrelenting did he say;
“Let my people go!”
And they went.

II.

Magnanimous in victory did he say;
“All be forgiven for their sins.”
A miracle that is by himself.
Not a heart has a man
As strong as his.
Not a man has wisdom
Comparable to his.
Not all the gold is comparable
To the riches that he has.

III.

We may not have the eyes to see,
Nor the ears to hear,
Nor the nose to smell,
Nor the touch to feel,
A messiah if he comes.
But look out for a man such as him.
A beacon to a world in turmoil.
A real prince of Peace.

ADVICE

I.

Advice shall on you soon,
Be rained like the monsoon.
In every form it is shaped,
In every language taped.
Every charge is free,
With every intent be.

II.

Opinions all refined,
To impart to you designed.
Out of good they may,
Make you the sage of the day.
They often out of hate,
Leave you to a bad fate.

III.

Whatever it well have been,
It is easy to glean.
Listen to your inner voice,
To make the right choice.
If your conscience be free,
On the right path you be.

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