

# COVID, I can't breathe

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In all this, we break free  
Yes! we break free  
We resist death and its dealers;  
From the time of our ancestors  
You have presumed to be our conscience  
Telling what we are  
What we are not  
What we can and what we cannot  
Even presuming to tell us who we are  
Who we should be...  
Saying to us today:  
"COVID will be most devastating in Africa"  
"COVID will wreak the most damage in Africa"  
"More Africans will die from COVID"  
Because Africa is like this and like that  
Africans are this and that  
Africa has not this and not that.  
We can't breathe  
Stifled  
Led on  
Yet Africa stands.  
We haven't crumbled more  
We are not worse off, or devastated  
We are all in the same boat.  
If you won't let us breathe,  
How do you breathe?  
All the world cannot breathe  
But as one we breathe!