

Have You Forgotten  
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Author's Note:

Remember, on January the 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010...Haitians were all confused. They did not know what to say, do, or where to go. Even I was confused and [many times] I found myself talking and not saying anything. That confusion is what pushed me to write this piece. I want you all to know that any mistakes found in the poem are intentional. However, if you take this poem for what it is, if you place it where it is supposed to be placed, if you read it the way it is supposed to be read, and last but not least, if you understand it the way it is supposed to be understood, it will help you understand what went on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January...

Go see for yourself and Know...and I am looking forward to hearing your criticisms. Feel free to contact me if you desire, and have a wonderful year!!!

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Tuesday January the 12<sup>th</sup> she started shaking  
Shaking that caused the ground to start splitting  
Splitting that caused buildings to start falling  
Falling buildings causing Haitians to start running  
Confusing Haitians confusingly back and forth running not knowing where they were going  
Running away from fallen buildings to falling buildings  
Running from death to go dying  
Per family they were dying  
Painful to watch a mom crying because her only son, under the rubbles was dying  
Dads physically and mentally scared watching his only daughter dying

Wives screaming, shouting, trying not to hear their husband, under the rubbles screaming  
Running, yelling, screaming, Haitians confusingly running not knowing where they were going  
Running from falling buildings to falling buildings and, if they had the chance, would run back,  
but this time to fallen buildings  
The air filled with "poussiere"... blocked their view from seeing more rubbles coming  
destroying bodies that were already dying  
CNN reporting but obviously not feeling what a little girl with a crushing leg was feeling  
Because if they felt her pain they wouldn't waste time talking about how poor of a country Haiti  
has been  
People all over the world were helping trying to save a nation dying  
Don't get me wrong for saying that, some people, just to be seen acted like they were helping  
Again...People just to be seen trying to help a baby crying, a mom dying, a father screaming,  
and orphan alive wishing that this was his or her last day living  
Politicians acting like they were helping but actually they were assuring their political power  
while a child's last parent was dying under a fallen building  
Confusingly back and forth Haitians were running not knowing where they were going

Running from falling building to falling building, and if they had the chance, would run back,  
but this time to fallen building  
Running trying to get away from death just to go dying

Mom's only son from University graduating, but under his falling school is dying, leaving his  
mom dreaming about the different things her son was going to be doing had not the falling  
building on Tuesday January the 12<sup>th</sup> at this very moment was killing  
Confusingly back and forth running not knowing where they were going  
Running from falling buildings to falling buildings, and if they had the chance, would run back,  
but this time to fallen buildings

On that day, the Haitian people was dying while others were beholding and over-organizing what  
they were going to be wearing in order to look good on the media while helping a baby dying, a  
father crying, a mom yelling, shouting, screaming, trying to be louder than her dying daughter  
who was also screaming saying "manmi" why are you not helping, "manmi" why did you stop  
caring, "manmi" are you going to let me stop being under heavy rubbles of a fallen building?  
These were the last words of a daughter to her mother, because her life, under the rubbles, was  
taken

A mom's heart pounding because the baby she has been carrying for 8 months, in the next hour,  
along with her, is going to be dying because she couldn't get an aspirin

On January 12<sup>th</sup> 2010, back and forth Haitians were running not knowing where they were going  
Running from fallen buildings to falling buildings

Running from death just to go dying...

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN...to be continued...