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DIRGES OF BECOMING:
Poetry as Praxis of Becoming

kwe to launch performance poetry reading series reaching students and teachers of color

Friday, June 4th, 2010 (Boston, MA) – *Dirges of Becoming* is kwe’s first collection of poetry that retraces the joys and perils of one man’s journey from his African homeland at the age of ten to live abroad. A poet, educator and musician, kwe started his migratory journey in France. This collection contains four moments: ‘The Abbey’, ‘The Orchard’, ‘The Castle’ and ‘The Hermitage’, which are the names of the boarding houses where he stayed between the ages of ten and seventeen years old. Also included is ‘The Wind’, a poem previously published by the University of Chicago’s *Contrary Magazine* in Spring 2003. This creative work is a meditation on the meaning of being human as it defines a new African presence on the world stage at the dawn of the twenty-first century. Written with a bold and imagistic language, the book comes with an audio-CD (*Dawn*) containing several recordings of the poetry recited over musical arrangements by the author himself.

The Aquarian Project is an upcoming spoken word tour to bring *Dirges of Becoming* to audiences nationwide, including local bookstores, radio stations, schools and colleges. On August 8th, kwe is hosting a feature reading at the Lizard Lounge Poetry Jam in Cambridge, MA to kick off the book release by performing *Dirges of Becoming* live with the Jeff Robinson Trio. Follow-up shows and readings will be held throughout New England before hitting Chicago, IL; Oakland, CA; Dallas, TX and Washington D.C.

kwe is the founder of the Word.Sound.Life. social network for media learning that links youth with mentors, providing opportunities for collaboration and knowledge sharing. A literary and media literacy workshop entitled ‘Voices of Change’ is being offered as a service to educators and learning institutions teaching creative writing and publishing.

For more details about the book, events or workshops, please visit AfroRootsHop.com. For bookings or orders please email afrootshop@gmail.com or call (510) 326-4551.

Afro Roots Hop is a movement and catalyst to create social change through music, publishing and performance offerings for youth throughout the African Diaspora.

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