



Solo Verse Speaking : Non-Open

Secondary 2 : Boys

Please be reminded that for Non-Open classes, you have to choose U, E, K or Y according to your district.

*The Hurt Boy and the Birds*

The hurt boy talked to the birds  
and fed them the crumbs of his heart.

It was not easy to find the words  
for secrets he hid under his skin.  
The hurt boy spoke of a bully's fist  
that made his face a bruised moon –  
his spectacles stamped to ruin.

It was not easy to find the words  
for things that nightly hissed  
as if his pillow was a hideaway for creepy-crawlies –  
the note sent to the girl he fancied  
held high in mockery.

But the hurt boy talked to the birds  
and their feathers gave him welcome –

Their wings taught him new ways to become.

*John Agard*