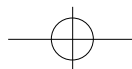
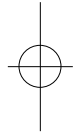
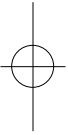
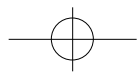
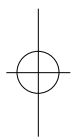
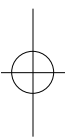




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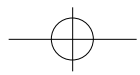
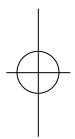
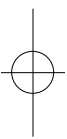
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In memory of  
Okitiakpe, Oloya, and Memerume  
who bequeathed us a unique poetic legacy.

Owhe she rhe, oshe kpo.  
Igoru ra kpare re.  
Opiri etite ora rue ughere.  
Udje t'ikebe vwi y'oto,  
odie etioye na gbe gbe obo ijewe.

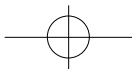
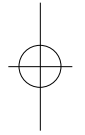
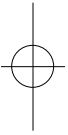
(*Owhe* came, then left.  
*Igoru* is over with.  
*Opiri* that was so praised is going.  
*Udje* has stuck with us,  
so let us dance it without restraint.)

—Oloya of Iwhrekan



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