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WHISTLE!

The whistle resonates! Resonates!

I am exhibiting resonance with the whistle – Yes! The whistle.

Indigenous Peoples! Indigenous Peoples! Caribs, Arawaks – Communities extinct! Extinct! Peace be unto them – Peace be unto all my ancestors – our ancestors –  
Drum! Drum! Drum!

The barrel rolls! The barrel rolls and its hoop staves are loosening – Yes! Loosening –  
Drum! Drum! Drum!

The story is - and was written in the wind – Yes! The wind – and the “I,” am grabbing a few – Yes! A few – and am listing – listing --.

Drum! Drum! Drum!

Toussaint Louverture (1743-1803), Jean – Jacques Dessalines (1758-1806), Henry Christophe (1767-1820), Pedro Santana (1801-1864), Buenaventura Baez (1810-1882), Ulises Heureaux (1845-1899),

Drum! Drum! Drum!

Soldiers! Soldiers! Soldiers! Unknown soldiers! Unknown soldiers! Obscure! Peace be unto them-  
Drum! Drum! Drum! Generals! Emperors! Generals! –  
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Alexander Petion (1770-1818), Jean-Pierre Boyer (1776 – 1850)

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Calling all students! Calling all students!

Elucidate and amplify- your story – our story – Review! Review – Read – The Rendezvous of Victory and The Black Jacobins by C.L.R. James, A Brief History of the Caribbean from the Arawak and Carib to the Present by Jan Ragozinski,- A Study in French Assimilation Policy by M. Crowder, Man, God and Civilization by John G. Jackson, - Religion in Africa – Edited by Thomas D. Blakely, Walter E. A. van Beek and Dennis L. Thomson.—

Read! Read! Read! Drum! Drum! Drum!

Francois Duvalier (Papa Doc.) – (1907-1971), Tonton Macoute –Macoute!

Jean-Claude Duvalier (Baby Doc.) (1951- ) exiled in 1986.

Drum! Drum! Drum! Fill in the Blanks throughout – Yes! The Blanks!  
Summon the archivist – summon the archivist!

Open the archives! Open the archives! Research! Research! Research!

Analyze despotism, monarchy, ethics, Blacks and White Sans.cu.lottes, the role of Blacks in all wars - Revolutionary and non-revolutionary, the Roman Catholic Church, Plutocrats, Imperialism, Dutch, America, Spain, Portugal, Britain, Germany, France, Russia, Canada, -and the list goes on and on –  
Research! Research! Research!

Expeditions, Military occupation, Oligarchs, Trade revenues, Tariffs, Colonization, Slavery, Mercantilism, Indemnity, Reparations, Mercenary capitalist, Pluto-assassins, Customs, Culture, Emancipation, Negritude, Assimilation, Peasantry, Race, Racism, Capital – State Capitalism, --

Analyze! Analyze! Analyze! Drum! Drum! Drum!

Remember – Who decides what is deliberately induced – Induced!

Look! Look! Look! Boom! Bust!

The barrel rolls! The barrel rolls and the hoop staves are loosening – Yes! Loosening –  
Drum! Drum! Drum!

Many have a Bible and a diamond in the same hand. Yes! A Bible and a diamond- others with Guns, Bread, aid supplies, equipment, bulldozers, diggers and trucks –

Remember – Colonizers use disaster and hegemony to perpetuate preponderant influence over

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sovereignty – militarization of food-aid as a weapon-

Stay focused – Stay focused! Define your parameters –

Body Hunters - Traffickers on a rampage – Rampageous! Orphans! Orphans! The key – be watchful!

Study the Constitution Document used by Toussaint Louverture –Yes! The Constitution Document ---Be meticulous! Yes! Meticulous ---

Be apprised. Yes! Apprised! Drum! Drum! Drum!

Activism acquired – Yes! Activism acquired

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The world is focused. Yes! Focused –

Poverty endemic – Yes! Created poverty endemic – and the stench

lingers –

Marginalization forged –Yes! Forged – Is their a Humanitarian

Goal?

Benevolence bestowed – generosity enhanced – Health Care Professionals, Engineers, Volunteers, People of Good Will, Donors, Sympathizers .....

Sustenance sustained – Yes! Sustained- Drum! Drum! Drum!

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Oh! Haiti. Oh! Haiti

Your resiliency, dignity and vibrant history are emerging—Yes! Your tradition of resistance is restored and transformation is within grasp – Yes! Within grasp. You have redefined “dominance” by mastering their languages and Creole is scripted.

Oh! Haiti. Oh! Haiti. Lift up! Lift up! Raise my brothers and sisters

Raise –the land is purging and the wind is invigorating – Raise!

The rivers are swelling and the sea is nurturing – Drum! Drum! Drum!

The Colonizers, Bankers, Think Tanks, Foundations and Slave masters are regurgitating – Asking! Who will pay the Bill? 90 million Yes! 90 million –plus 38 million –

The earth is vibrating – Vibrantly! – Reverberating –

Nature is speaking geophysically - auspiciously –

Drum! Drum! Drum!

The nature of neglect – Yes! Neglect. Created neglect.

World Leaders! World Leaders! Listen! Listen! Listen!

No Mumbo Jumbo! Grants! Grants! No more Loans!

Haitian’s have paid the price one hundred fold –

You have raped and dissected the Nation –

“I” am imploring you –

Stop probing the universe – geocentrically –

The balance must be maintained –

Yes! The balance must be maintained –

Stop prospecting – distortion eyed –

The mas.ta.ba. is vibrating as the earth trembles- Yes! Trembles.

Stop manipulating consciousness – maneuvering and hovering –

Consequence! Consequence!

The land is vibrating – vibrantly – the earth trembles –

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Drum! Drum! Drum!

A former United States President and Envoy said Haitians “can escape their History and build a better future if we do our part”.

Dastard! Yes! Dastard – Contempt –

How a people can escape their History Mr. President? Amos Wilson said “to manipulate history is to manipulate consciousness” – Peace be unto Amos Wilson.

Drum! Drum! Drum!

Reflect on Ethos! Yes! Ethos – Spirit of Culture –

General Charles Leclerc Napoleon’s Brother in law said “We have in Europe a false idea of the country in which we fight and the men we fight against”.

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No Peace-Meal –

People are dying

We are the first beings

We are the creators

We are the time – “in time’

We are the beginning

We are the galaxies – we are the solar spectrum

We are beings – “in beings’

We are the elements – the elements!

Drum! Drum! Drum! Listen! Listen! Listen!

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The Gods are rising from the rubble –

Spirits are solidifying – feel the vibration – Breathe! Breathe! The

Breath—

Remember the conch shell Blows – The conch shell Bellows –

Stay up! My people! –Stay up!

The barrel rolls – The barrel rolls and its hoop staves are loosening at the created epicenter – Yes! Its epicenter – Strategic Planners, Bankers, State Capitalism, Greed, Ethnic Consciousness, Mulattoes, Civic Mobilization, Transformation --

Transformation is the key – Yes! Transformation –

Who said – Ghosts of Great men – are echoes –

Drum! Drum! Drum!

And their ghosts are echoing vibrantly within the breath – Yes! The breath – Breathe! Breathe! East, West, North, South, - Drum! Drum! Drum!

Haiti! Dominican Republic --

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Listen!

Art is perpetual – Vodun Lives- Yes! Lives! Lives! Religo! Religo!

Wisdom eradicates fear ---

Consciousness is Consciousness –

Elements are converging -

People are activated and moving-

The barrel is shattered and the staves are dissolved –

Be vigilant!

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Power up! Listen! Listen! Listen!  
Freedom enhanced –

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EDITORIAL: It took a catastrophe of unsurmountable magnitude of an estimated 7.0 registered earthquake July 12, 2010 that left an estimated 1.5 million people homeless and over 200,000 dead to galvanize humanity to focus on Haiti's tenacious history and how oligarchs, mercenary capitalist and parasitic elites of the world placed a strangle hold on Haiti's development by placing a noose around their necks, through rigid and austerity trade, lending practices, foreign occupations, coup de tat and extraordinary renditions. Thus making a productive fertile country dependent on food aid – what a travesty, but the barrel and staves are dissolving and dawn has

broken with radiant sun light and the nation's spirit and resiliency glow with transformation,  
cradle with benevolence - and a legacy of Redemption –

Oh! My people –  
Unite! Unite! Unite!  
East, West, North, South –  
Transformation is Key.  
Peace.

Poem written for “the drum”- Percussion.  
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