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For

Prof. Kate Azuka Omenugha, fnipr
*(For coming with the magic wand to transform COOU into a
global university)*

And to

The entire staff and students of COOU
*(For the unwavering commitment and dedication to the vision
3Vs of the Ag. Vice Chancellor)*

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Foreword

Universities thrive on thoughts; producing quality thoughts distinguishes good universities from not-so-good ones and no doubt, the bad ones. What platform could be better in facilitating good thoughts other than poetry? Aside from helping us to understand the world around us, poetry offers catharsis, especially in today's world where inexplicable evil occurs daily, not to mention the Nigerian situation, where economic hardship is making people lose their minds. What is more, poetry teaches us about ourselves and helps us to appreciate others, especially those who have helped to make the world a better place. It is in light of the above that the students of the Department of English at Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University have put together this interesting collection of poems to celebrate a light bearer to their University. I am delighted to write the foreword to this piece because historically and statistically women have been under-celebrated. It was not long ago when women were to be seen and not heard.

In pristine Africa, praise poems are not sung for banal purposes nor weaved for mere entertainment; they often serve a higher purpose and are usually tied to the people's spirituality. The most notable examples of African panegyrics include the Yoruba *Oriki* and *Isibongo* of the Zulu. The working belief in weaving and performing panegyrics is that the voice of the people is the voice of the gods – *onu madu bu onu mmuo*.

Professor Kate Omenugha is a phenomenal woman, one who has left a touch of impressive results wherever destiny has led her. The poems contained in the volume, which I took care to read are a celebration of Professor Kate Omenugha, Acting and certainly, the ‘Action’ Vice Chancellor of Chukwuemeka Odumegwu University. Professor Omenugha, who has served as a Commissioner for Education and later Basic Education, brings a wealth of experience to her current position of Vice Chancellor of Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Igbariam. As the Igbo proverb inquires, *agu ole ka madu ga-egbu tupu oburu ogbu agu?* (How many leopards would one have to slay before becoming recognized as a leopard-slayer)? Moreover, this volume and the wonderful poems it contains are a testament to the quality of education offered to students of the Department of English; to read freshmen and sophomores articulating their thoughts in wonderful poetic lines were both encouraging and refreshing to me. This is more especially given the crisis besieging tertiary education globally and particularly in Nigeria where a significant number of our youths have come to believe the street wisdom that education is a scam.

This volume contains 57 poems engaging the persona of Professor Kate Azuka Omenugha; some of the poems are prophetic, and others are propitious and beamish. Some are audacious and sassy. What cannot be denied, nonetheless, is that all of them are heartfelt outpourings; this establishes the fact that Professor Kate Omenugha is well-received at COOU, and her take-off programs must have had a significantly impactful bearing to warrant this effusive

panegyric. I thank and celebrate the persona, Professor Kate Azuka Omenugha for the wonderful work she is doing at Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Igbaram. I commend the Head of the Department of English, Ikechukwu Asika, who I am sure gave the first nod before the project could proceed from students' imagination to a realizable project. I also salute the editors of this wonderful collection of poems. Finally, I could not help but notice that a significant number of the student contributors to this volume are female; the subject of the collection is a woman. Celebrating *womanity* is a task I can never be tired of doing. Therefore, to the girl-child out there, do not take no for an answer; Kate Omenugha did not take no for an answer, if she had, she would not have reached this height. May I most cheerfully recommend this work to all lovers of creativity, everywhere in the world.

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Reviewer's Note

IFE-NKILI: A Collection of Poems in Honour of Prof. Kate Azuka Omenugha, Acting Vice Chancellor, Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Igbariam, Anambra State, Nigeria

Edited by Ikechukwu Asika, Ifeoma Akabuike, Nwakaego Obi

IFE-NKILI is a step into the vibrant world of the collection of seminal poems crafted by the staff and students of the Department of English at Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University. This anthological array is a heartfelt tribute to the illustrious Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kate Azuka Omenugha, whose wisdom, vision, and leadership have left an indelible mark on the academic community and society at large.

From the evocative “A Chant for the Mother Eagle” by Ikechukwu Asika to the profound “The Lioness Creed” by Okeke Favour Oluebube, each poem in this collection captures a unique aspect of Prof. Omenugha’s influence. The anthology celebrates her as a guiding star of academia, an unwavering gemstone, and a visionary leader whose impact resonates through the halls of the university.

The collection features a rich panoply of admiration and respect, woven through poems such as “A Woman and More” by Nwakaego Obi, “The Academic Amazon” by Cyril Ofoegbu, “The Heroine of our Time” by Ezeh, Adaezeh Precious, and “An Unwavering Gemstone” by Agbakoba, Chisom Destiny. Each piece reflects on her elegance, grace, wisdom, and

dedication, portraying her as an empress, a true scholar, and a paragon of virtue.

The anthology includes heartfelt tributes like “Guiding Star of Academia” by Ifeafulukaba, Chinecherem, “A Visionary’s Impact” by Ezepue, Ogechukwu, “A Woman of Elegance” by Raphael Favour Oluchukwu, and “A Woman with Vision” by Chira Chioma. Each poem is a proof of Prof. Omenugha’s profound influence on her students and colleagues, celebrating her as “A Tapestry of Grace” by Ifeanya, Queendaline, “Mirror of Excellence” by Tochukwu Anthonia Ifunanya, “An Empress” by Ezennaya, Chiamaka, and “A True Scholar” by Nzekwe, Perpetual Ifunanya.

Readers will find themselves immersed in the poetic tributes of “The Honoured One” by Muogbo, Tobenna, “The Loveliest of Them All” by Amobi, Henry Chinemerem, “Woman of Wisdom and Sceptre” by Aliene, Mmesoma Esther, and “My Lover, My Delight” by Ezeanwkwu, Cynthia Chinoye. Other notable poems include “A Visionary’s Touch” by Obidike Chioma Gift, “The Icon of COOU” by Senator Nancy Chiemerie, and “A Paragon of Virtue” by Onoha, Chibuihem Claret.

The anthology also features “A Scholar Renowned” by Robinson Ebube Rapheal, “A Mother of Wisdom” by Ohaguim, Chisom Rosemary, “Awakening Light” by Nnajoifor, Favour Chiziterem. And “A Scholar and Educator” by Ikeh, Sonia. Additional tributes like “To the First Candidate” by Ezeukwu, Bethel Chibudom, “Visionary Legacy” by Chukwudi, Precious, A Leader Most Devoted” by Enendu, Chioma Favour, and

“Tribute to Kate Azuka Omenugha” by Nzeribe, Mmesoma Favour, highlight the deep admiration felt by the university community.

In this collection, you will find the powerful words of “A Tribute to Wisdom and Leadership” by Anierobi, Stephanie Nnwabundu, “Ode to Our Vice Chancellor” by Azubuinne, Mmesoma Rachel, “A Woman of Valour” by Uzuegbunam, Chidera Peace, “The Champion of Change” by Azubuike, Rejoice Uloaku, and “Ode to a Guiding Light (A Praise to Our Vice Chancellor)” by Adim, Heavenly. Each poem is a chorus of praise, celebrating the remarkable journey of Prof. Omenugha.

IFE-NKILI is a literary masterpiece that immortalizes the essence of Prof. Kate Azuka Omenugha. With contributions such as “An Epitome of Excellence” by Aniebonam, Favour, “What an Icon You Are,” by Ilo, Chijioke Kingsley, “A Great Leader” by Chidera Havilah, “A Leader of Learning” by Chukwukeluo, Ada Juliana, “The Woman I Saw” by Okeke, Favour Oluebube, “The Weight of Destiny” by Ofunelo, Christian, and “The Esteemed and True One” by Ozoemenam, Assumpta, this anthology ensures her contributions to education and leadership are remembered for generations to come.

Additional tributes include “A Leader True” by Declan Onyinyechi, “The Vice Chancellor, A Treasure to Behold” by Ojukwu, Ogochukwu Precious, “A Radiant Soul” by Okonkwo, Agatha, “A Steward of Knowledge” by Okeke, Amara Fidelia,

“Praises to an Icon” by Orji, Chidiebube, “Behind the Mahogany” by Udechineke, Jennifer, “A Gentle Soul” by Paul, Christabel Chidera, “The Heroine Not in Name Alone” by Onye, Stephanie Mmesoma, “A Woman I Know” by Ejindu, Genevieve, “Our Esteemed Vice Chancellor” by Mmanwu Princess, “A Mother to the Young” by Josephat Oluebube Gloria, “The Brave One” by Nweke, Grace Adaeze, “A Leader of Vision and Grace” by Effiong, Eno Franscica, and “A Leader with Vision” by Albert, Helen Chinaza.

IFE-NKILI celebrates the legacy of a woman who has inspired countless individuals with her vision and leadership. It is a euphony of voices singing praises to a remarkable leader, ensuring her contributions are cherished and remembered.

IFE-NKILI is a compelling collection. As you read it, you will experience the powerful words of those who have been touched by the extraordinary journey of Prof. Kate Azuka Omenugha, Acting Vice Chancellor, Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University.

IFE-NKILI. Worth reading.

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IFENKILI:

A CHANT FOR THE MOTHER EAGLE

(For Prof. Kate Azuka Omenugha, fnjpr, Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University)

By Ikechukwu Asika

The chant is not to praise but to grace!
After all the good deeds of the earth are not hidden from the vigilant
gaze of the sky
This chant is not to gyrate but to celebrate!
Since the mother goat truly knows the owner of the skin the drummer
rattles on!

This chant is not to flatter but to admire!
It is not a vain ululation but a soulful adulation
It is not a cacophonous opera but a symphonic mantra
The chant is not poetry but prophecy!

Today a mother not lacking in virtues and discipline stands in our
midst
A woman whose good deeds resonate even in the land of the spirits
is here
The scholar whose smiles make the birds sing; whose voice melts the
vilest of souls
A woman in possession of the magic wand to transform COOU to the
bride most beautiful!

As meek as a dove but with the strength of tigress
As motherly as a dolphin but possesses the fierceness of the hyena-
queen

As soft as the chinchillas but with the firmness of the harpy eagle
As simple as jellyfishes but fearless as the honey badger!

What more can I say when the spots of the leopard have betrayed her strength?

When the feathers of the peacock have betrayed her beauty?

When the tall-tales of the warrior-queen have given her away?

When the skills of the hummingbird have said all that is there to say!

Indeed, the saying is true,

It is not every day that one beholds an eagle

Today, it pleases the gods that the mother-eagle stands in our midst!

Kindred spirits, may someone else's eyes not see more of her beauty than yours!

Alas! The saying is even truer,

That one does not climb the oji tree on daily basis

People of COOU, now we are atop the Oji tree symbolized by the benign Kate Azuka Omenugha

Soul brothers and sisters let us pluck all the firewood that will last us a lifetime!

You're humanity personified!

Dignity dignified!

Doggedness dogmatized!

You're truly a mother modified!

Every Eke day, I will salute you, my VC

On Oye days, I will pour libations to the gods and men who brought you our way

On Nkwo days, I shall carry your good deeds to every market square

And on every Afor, I will drink to the future of COOU under your
motherly wings!

This chant has barely begun as the poet gathers his wares to sing
This journey for the now University and the University of the future
has barely started

And when this task of Vision 3Vs is fought and won,
The gods and spirits will bear witness to our unflinching spirits that
was never conquered!

Alas! How lucky are we to be the ambassadors of Omenugha's
transformational agenda

How blessed are we to have a mother-eagle shepherding her eggs
At this auspicious time our University yearns for a mother's
tenderness she had lacked!

We shall surely sing this song again, this time with *udu, ogene,*
ichaka, ekwe and yokiliyo!

Hurrah to the mother of the Eagle!

A WOMAN AND MORE

By Nwakaego Obi

Foremost, she is admired by all
Calculated far too priceless
Lacquered and placed high up,
Because she has leaped high and reached the top;
that, she earned for herself.
Her God given name: Azuka
Indeed, is her worth...
She is a woman... oh! Indeed, a virtuous woman
Divinely placed with beauty that catches the eyes.

A Woman and More

She is gorgeously crowned
A pillar placed on a pedestal of Gold
Her strength and courage outdone by grace
A good name that supersedes the best scent
The very best among equals
Her steps are ordered by her "Chi"
A Benevolent "Chi" at that.

A Woman and More

Praise her! Praise her!
Oh! If only the world could have a glimpse of her, concurrently...
With the amazing strength of a tigress
She stormed the stage
And with a smile she of brevity
She bears the heavy responsibilities
She is a resilient woman
A Woman and More
Yeah! She is just worthy!

THE ACADEMIC AMAZON

By Cyril Ofoegbu

To An Academic Amazon
Who is she that cometh forth
At the academic horizon?
Fair as a mystique
Bright as an academic amazon
Elegant as a mother set in COOU house
Thy works glorify thy presence
And our spirits rejoice in thee our succour
Because ye hath regarded our plights as yours
From behold from henceforth
All students shalth call thee MAIA
For He thath is mighty Hath done great things for thee
Holy be His name
Thy values, viability and visibility
Is for generations and to those who key in
Ye hath shown character in the traits
And proven to be an effective leader
Ye have put students at the top
And the weak ye hath given helping hands
Ye fill thy staff with peace and hope
And the friends with love
Ye protect all who come to thee
Giving light to their darkness
Like the promise made to Abraham
Ye have kept yours with us
Ye are indeed an Amazon
An Amazon of COOU

THE HEROIN OF OUR TIME

By Ezeh Adaezeh Precious

You are the Heroin of our time
The Royalty that graced our citadel
Your name sits at the heart of the Nobles
You are the motivation behind our success
You are steady winner even in your State

Let me tell the story of how you single handedly checkmated our system
And sealed the loopholes that drew us back with your magic touch.
Making sure the tiny smile that clusters around our lip were all but your invention
You are the Almighty woman of valor
Even mere words will fail to communicate the essence of the most promising scholar of our time

Twice at a time I say, you graced us with your Royalty.
You are a paragon of knowledge
You exhume an inner quality that simply defies definition
No man would be able to absorb them

Your name speaks Revolution
It sits at the heart of nobles and rings a bell on every nook
You are the head whose neck was decorated with gold
Like that of a fine garden.
Your name is printed on the hard rock
To be forever chanted by her offspring.
We salute your name because it gives hope
Your legacy will reign, constant it shall remain.
Your endeavors shall be crowned with a resounding success

And one last thing that is left to be said,
So long as his kingdom tarries,
So shall you reign.
When you laugh, we shall laugh with you.
And to those who listen, When questions will still arise,
Questions that will require the gods of the 21th Century
Question that answers it all
Prof. Kate Azuka Omenugha will be the answer

AN UNWAVERING GEMSTONE

By Agbakoba Chisom Destiny

Behold, bright morning! A beacon climbs high.
In the corridors of wisdom, where knowledge meets the sky
With a noble heart and clear vision,
She guides with a steady and loving hand.

Omenugha's name echoes throughout lore,
Where truth and learning flow endlessly.
As Acting Vice Chancellor, you govern with grace and might,
Bringing golden light that enlightens us.

O, you who connects knowledge, with a heart so genuine,
You've forged new channels through the hallways of academia.
With intelligence and empathy, you lead us through the night.
We are delighted by your brilliance, as a scholar and leader.

Under your leadership, the university is proud.
A tribute to quality, a beacon in the cloud.
Through insightful lectures and extensive study,
You've created a lasting legacy.

You have sowed the seeds of wisdom for future generations,
With every word you speak and every step you take.
Your spirit remained unwavering despite hardships and victories.
Your voyage was arranged with bravery and kindness.

O Kate Azuka, your name echoes throughout the halls.
A leader, a scholar, always on fire.
Your legacy in Chukwuemeka's fields is evident.
We will always be indebted to you, bright star and leader.

Thus, let us exclaim in unison, "Omenugha is our beacon,
And we promise honor" as we lift our voices.
May your light continue shining, your wisdom ever grow,
In the annals of our hearts, your greatness we bestow.

GUIDING STAR OF ACADEMIA

By Ifeafulukaba Chinecherem T.

A leader of distinction, a champion of change,
A visionary who inspires and empowers to rearrange
The landscape of knowledge and the horizons of the mind,
Bringing forth the best in every heart and mind.

You are the sun in learning's sky,
Lifting spirits, reaching high.
Your voice, a calm and steady stream,
Nurturing growth and fueling our dream.

You foster a culture of innovation and creativity
And create a community united in diversity.
Your dedication to excellence is a shining star
That inspires us to reach for the highest standards.

O shepherd of this scholarly ground,
In you, a loyal friend is found.
For every student, staff, and peer,
Vice chancellor, you are held dear.

Your leadership is a special gift, a treasure to behold,
Your impact and legacy will live on, forever to be told.

A VISIONARY'S IMPACT

By Ezepue Ogechukwu Esther

A rector of vision, a guiding light
A heart of gold, that shines so bold
Your dedication, a beacon of hope
Inspiring minds, inculcating values

With every step, a new path is made
Illuminating the future, near and far
Your arms are always open, a listening ear
A mentor a genius, steadfast pillar that strengthen and support
A champion of dreams, that never depart

Your zeal for learning, burning fire
Your impact is felt in every single life
A leader of excellence in every single way
A true inspiration that always lives

A visionary shaping the future of education
A steadfast advocate for academic excellence
A champion of innovation and progress
A shining light of leadership each day

A rector who listens with a heart and a hand
A guiding light, in times of challenge and change
A weaver of dreams, helping students achieve their goals
Your legacy will live on, forever in our hearts.

A WOMAN OF ELEGANCE

By Raphael Favour Oluchukwu

People often say that women are weak,
But you have proven it wrong. Indeed, what a man can do,
A woman can do better.

Amidst all the pressure,
You maintained composure. You are a treasure
Who doesn't mix work with pleasure.

You embody elegance.
You speak with so much intelligence. Every word you say has
importance.
Beauty with brains, I must confess.

In a short period of time,
You have shown your worth. It wouldn't cost a dime
To unleash your wrath.

We see what you are doing.
We love the progress. We see how it's going.
We trust the process.

I think you have superpowers.
Cause how can you do all this? Indeed, not all heroes wear capes.
You are extraordinary.

You are a mentor.
I'll forever stand in your mentorship. You are a great leader.
Cheers to more years of leadership.

A WOMAN WITH VISION

By Chira Chioma

Just like Amazon on the Horizon
Our Vice Chancellor flies like a Kite and Hover over the
Campus with eagle eyes on the Chics.

Not only a professor but also a counselor with feathers
A mother with a heart of gold
In which she can't compromise for anything or pecuniary interest.
She came to stay and to make a change
While leading the way to settle Students in Land of Good Potentials

Though some may not admire her style of leadership
But she is as bold as a lioness.
Standing true to her words, many testifies that her words are bond.
To which she can never lead us in doubt

Like a woman of virtue,
She shows her love for both students and lecture
And also seeks for a brighter future
A woman who puts our interest as her own priority
By organizing student meet up to know our need
Which is a good thing indeed

Under her leadership, we hope that the light keep shining bright,
More bright that we may not only listen also but learn from her bag of
wisdom.

Don't be discouraged, rather be strengthened.
Keep rising and shining...

Chommy Chira admires from a Distance

A TAPESTRY OF GRACE

By Ifeanya Queendaline

A master weaver, crafts a tale,
With threads of love, compassion, and wisdom, she prevails.
Her heart, a loom, intertwines kindness and care,
Creating a fabric of hope, beyond comparison.

With every strand, a story unfolds,
Of lives transformed, and futures molded.
Her leadership, a gentle breeze, soothes the soul,
As she guides us through life's complex whole.

In her presence, our spirits take flight,
Inspired by her beauty, shining so bright.
A radiant star, illuminating our way,
Through the tapestry of life, she helps us sway.

With every knot, a virtue is revealed,
Empathy, integrity, and wisdom unsealed.
Her legacy, a work of art, forever will stand,
A testament to her loving, guiding hand.

Her heart beats for others, with empathy and care
A listening ear, and a helping hand to share
Her wisdom and wisdom, inspire us to grow

A true mentor, with a heart that glows

With a smile so radiant, and a spirit so bright
She lights the path, for a brighter sight
Her love and dedication, know no bounds
A true leader, with a heart that's renowned.

A Leader of Grace and Compassionate Heart
Our Vice Chancellor, a shining star from the start
With love and kindness, she guides us on our way
A beautiful soul, in every single day
We're grateful for her presence, in our academic home
A constant source of inspiration, as we roam
May her virtues continue, to be our guiding light
As we strive to make a difference, in the world's sight

MIRROR OF EXCELLENCE

By Tochukwu Anthonia Mmesoma

A maverick leader, a trailblazer true,
With vision and passion, she saw us through,
A champion of excellence, she raised the bar,
Inspiring greatness, near and far.

Her impact incendiary, a wildfire's spread,
Illuminating minds, and hearts long dead,
She challenged norms, and shattered glass ceilings high,
Unleashing potential, as the skies replied.

With every step, a path was paved,
For dreamers, achievers, and the brave,
Her leadership a clarion call to rise,
Empowering voices, and opening eyes.

Through her unwavering dedication and might,
She sculpted a legacy, a shining light,
That guides us still, through life's plod and strife,
A beacon of hope, in the darkest of life.

Let her name be etched, in the annals of time,
As a hero, a legend, a sublime,
A vice chancellor, who left her mark,
Forever changing the fabric of our spark.
Vice Chancellor, Kate Azuka Omenugha,
Mirror of excellence, Live long

AN EMPRESS

By Ezennaya Chiamaka Maryann

A public figure of boldness and integrity,
An ambassador of excellence,
Coronated with the crown of sovereignty,
Clothed with the garment of elegance,
A beacon of determination.

Embodied with the power of grace,
Occupied with this miraculous vibe,
Furnished in abundance of prominence,
Wired with wisdom and incomprehensible
Competence.

A queen of high caliber,
Filled with lots of glory in your bar,
A soul very amiable in authority,
So admirable in actions,
Preserved with a reservoir of talents.

Polished with exceptional skills
And personality.
Sparkling like a diamond,
Glowing in the stream of your Majesty,
So cultured, crafted in character and charisma.

A leader with the heart of gold,
Indeed you're the handmade of God,
Adorned with the strength of a warrior,
Designed with unlimited greatness,
Endowed with merited wealth.

Vibrant like a lioness,
Famous amongst your levels,
A tent built with outstanding qualities,
Specially adored in your castle of honor,
A mentor with a bag full of doings.

So hardworking and strong,
Standing in the podium of success
And doing more exploit,
Making a way for her kingdom to move
All round the globe.

You are indeed the statue of legacy
An example every future leader
Must learn from to becoming great,
And being pioneers of outstanding
Achievements.

A TRUE SCHOLAR

By Nzekwe perpetual Ifunanya

In the Pursuit of knowledge
I met her, a true scholar; Leader wise
Pillars rise and hold still when she stands
Her dedication and passion shines so bright
Illuminating the world of academia
Her resounding name is heard whenever she commands
Inspiring minds and hearts.

With every step, our University grows
In excellence and in wisdom
With three visions- Visibility, Viability and Value
She guides the Institution, a shining Name
Under her watch as a commissioner in the Ministry of Education in
the State
Students and teachers have won many laurels
All attributed to her leadership. She has brought passion, integrity and
entrepreneurial spirit into the education sector.

To our Vice Chancellor, a true scholar
To the Mother behind every successful graduate
Prof. Kate Azuka Omenugha,
We celebrate your achievements grand and thank you for your
tireless hand
That shapes our future and lightens our path
In your sweet cycling gloom
I'll sit as thoughts loom

THE HONORED ONE

By Muogbo Tobenna Joseph

The honored one in my quest for knowledge

I met her

A woman of honor

A woman of pride and dexterity

Cheers the one sent from heaven

Though rigid and inflexible with her action

Yet an embodiment of love

Like that of a mother hen who protects her chicks from the attacks of
hawks

She is a woman full of knowledge and unmatched wisdom like that of
Solomon.

Blessed are you among all

Honored are you among Nobles and Loyalties

Just like in the days of Methuselah,

May you live long

THE LOVEIST OF THEM ALL

By Amobi Henry Chinemerem

In halls of learning, where minds are free,
A leader's vision shines, a guiding light,
Like Keats' Grecian urn, a beacon bright,
Illuminating paths, through day and night.

With scholarly stewardship, you lead the way,
Inspiring minds, like Shakespeare's play,
Wisdom's ambassador, in every land,
A champion of learning, at your command.

Your legacy, a treasure to behold,
A guiding light, that never grows old,
A pillar of strength, in times of need,
A visionary leader, indeed.

Like Keats' Ode to a Nightingale, you soar,
On wings of knowledge, to heights unknown before,
And in the footsteps of Shakespeare's mighty line,
You lead the procession, with a gentle shine.

Through the lens of wisdom, you survey the land,
And with a master's hand, you guide the band,
Of scholars, seekers, and dreamers, too,
Inspiring minds, with all that you do.

Your leadership, a symphony, so grand,
Echoes through the ages, across this land,
A beacon of hope, in times of strife,
A shining star that guides through life.

With every step, a path is made,
Through the wilderness of ignorance, to the shade,
Of knowledge and truth, where minds are free,
And the sweet scent of wisdom, wafts, like a breeze.

Like Keats' autumn leaves, your legacy will fall,
A harvest of wisdom, for one and all,
And Shakespeare's words, will live on, through you,
A champion of learning, forever true.

Your vision, a flame, that burns so bright,
Illuminates the darkness, of endless night,
And in its light, we see, a radiant glow,
A guiding light, that shines, for all to know.

A pillar of strength, you stand, through every test,
A leader's legacy, forever at its best,
Wisdom's ambassador, in every land,
A beacon of knowledge, at your command.
Through the ages, your name will be told,
As a visionary leader, bold,
A champion of learning, a guiding light,
A shining star, that shines, so bright.

Your leadership, a work of art, sublime,
A masterpiece, that transcends, all time,
A symphony of wisdom, that echoes near,
A beacon of hope, that banishes all fear.

Like Keats' Ode on a Grecian Urn, you'll be,
A timeless treasure, for humanity,
And Shakespeare's words will live on, through thee.

Our vice chancellor, a beacon of wisdom and grace,
A leader who guides us with a gentle, yet firm embrace.
With a heart full of passion and a mind full of fire,
She inspires us to reach for the stars, to strive and to aspire.

Her words are like honey, sweet and full of delight,
She speaks with conviction, and ignites our spirits bright.
She is a true visionary, a woman of great insight,
A guiding light that shines so bright, a beacon in the night.

Her wisdom is vast, her knowledge so profound.

A WOMAN OF WISDOM AND Scepter

By Aliene Mmesoma Esther

A new history walks on the carpet of fame,
From miles away echos a name,
A name standing tall in the corridors of academia,
She wears her steeze, as a royal apparel.

With wisdom her scepter, knowledge her crown,
She's a governing body, a model of power,
Curiosity led my path down her kingdom,
In search of wisdom worthy of knowing.

Upon witnessing her virtue on induction ground,
In words of wisdom I was drowned.

Vision, Visuality and Virtue,
A square meal that will last along my journey,
Her oration invoked a round of applause,
One that shook the ground and dropped jaws.

With books in hand and dreams still bright,
Her mind a forge, where thoughts take flight,
She treads the paths that scholars roam,
With every step, a page calls home.

O woman of academia, grand,
With courage, knowledge, heart in hand,
I aspire to walk your way,
To learn, to teach, to shine, to stay.

All I did was admire,
In her wisdom she speaks with courage
Her eyes could tell a universe unfolds
With pride she leads with love
Her smile finds it's dawn
A woman graced with ambience of dignity
She is the vice Chancellor worthy emulating

MY LOVER MY DELIGHT

By Ezeanwkwu Cynthia Chinonye

Behold she is beautiful as a rose
From days to years her beauty declines not
Just like a summer fades not so it grows
In the tantamount portraiture of lot.

Thee fill thy heart with thy knowledge
Which lives in thee and gives life to thee
You fill the world with all thy legend
Many aqua cannot quench thy love for thee.

The ljele woman of our time
In thy wings of knowledge we find shade
From the ignorance of this time
May thy overwhelming love never fade.

O fairest among women
An outstanding role model to he

A VISIONARY'S TOUCH

By Obidike Chioma Gift

A Visionary's Touch

A leader stands tall, with heart and mind

A guiding force, forever aligned

With vision and purpose, you lead the way

And bring out the best, in every single day

Your door is always open, your ears always keen

To listen and understand, the needs unseen

With empathy and care, you nurture and guide

And help the school, to grow and thrive inside

With integrity and pride, you stand tall and strong

A shining example, where others can belong

Your love for learning, and your passion for growth

Inspire and motivate, the hearts of every youth

Under your leadership, the school flourishes bright

A beacon of hope, in the dark of night

A place of wonder, where dreams take flight

Where minds are opened, and futures are made bright

Mummy Kate Azuka Omenugha, we love you with our might

We keep growing because of your hovering sight

You bring light to were it was once lost
Your ready to raise this school
at all cost

Mrs Kate Azuka Omenugha, you are truly remarkable.

THE ICON OF COOU

By Senator Nancy Chiemerie

Oh! Vice Chancellor!!!
Thy garment embody splendor
As the sun shineth in the sky at day
So doth thy beauty reflect on earth

Oh! Vice Chancellor!!!
Thy breast showcases motherhood
As a hen covereth her chicks from the hawk
So is thy shield to the students

Oh! Vice Chancellor!!!
Thy voice reflects authority
As Moses holds a rod of direction
So is thy mantle of responsibility

Oh! Vice Chancellor!!!
Thy fragrance spews of perfection
As a burning incense in a gathering of many
So doth thy 3 Vs envelop the university

Thou art a mother and a friend
In a world of many enemies
And with thy tender love
Thou hast kept the school in peace.

A PARAGON OF VIRTUE

By Onuoha Chibuihem Claret

Your integrity shines like a beacon bright,
Dignified in every possibility.
Your mind, a sharp and brilliant star,
Illuminating paths near and far.

With every step, you walk the talk,
A true embodiment of courage and moral chalk.
Your thoughts are a symphony of wisdom and grace.
Inspiring others to find their own pace.

Your heart, a sanctuary of compassion and care.
Your soul, a masterpiece of strength and resilience,
A testament to the power of human existence,
You are a true leader, a pioneer and a guide.

A woman of substance, with a heart full of pride.
Your presence makes a difference, a positive impact.
A blessing to humanity, a precious fact.
A refuge for those who seek solace and share.

A woman of integrity, with a heart of gold,
Your actions and words, a story to be told.
With every step, you pave a path of light,
Guiding others through life's darkest night.

Your mind, a treasure trove of wisdom and insight,
A fountain of knowledge, shining so bright.

Your faithfulness, a gentle breeze that soothes the soul.
A calming presence, making hearts whole.

Your strength and resilience, a beacon of hope,
A shining example, helping others cope.
You are a true leader, a trailblazer and a guide,
Your presence makes a difference, a positive impact.

With every word and deed, you inspire and uplift.
A true role model, shaping lives with grace and gift.
Your legacy will live on, a lasting impression,
A testament to the power of a woman's expression

A SCHOLAR RENOWNED

(A Poem to My Vice Chancellor, Professor Kate Omenughua)

By Robinson Ebube Raphael

Vice Chancellor Kate Omenghua:

A Leader Committed to Excellence

Renowned scholar from Anambra State, Nigeria

Former Minister of Education in Anambra

Dedicated to education and student success

Strives for the best, pushing boundaries and challenging limits

Leadership Qualities:

Firm and demanding, with a heart of gold

Unwavering commitment to academic rigor and excellence

Inspires students to reach new heights

Passionate and motivating

Achievements:

University flourishes under her guidance

Fosters innovation, creativity, and critical thinking

Collaborative leadership style

Empowers others to grow

Impact:

Confident in students' ability to succeed

Grateful for her dedication and expertise

True leader, role model, and shining example of excellence

Legacy of growth, progress, and academic distinction

Appreciation:

Thank you, Vice Chancellor Kate Omenghua, for all that you do

A MOTHER OF WISDOM

By Ohaguim Chisom Rosemary

A leader, a scholar, a guiding light,
With vision and wisdom, she leads the way bright.

Her dedication to education, a shining star,
Inspiring minds, near and far.

With grace and poise, she paves the path,
For students and faculty, a true leader's math.

Her heart beats for knowledge, her soul on fire,
A true champion of learning, a true heart's desire.

And as a mother, a nurturing soul,
With love and care, she makes her family whole.

Her kindness and warmth, a shelter from the storm,
A safe haven where love and joy are reborn.

O revered vice chancellor, we thy students do adore,
Her compassion and empathy, a beacon of hope,

Thou art a role model in every scope with thy gentle strength, thou
push us to excel, and help us to discover our hidden potential to
compel.

In halls of wisdom, you reign supreme, A beacon bright, a guiding
dream.

With vision clear and steadfast grace, You lead us through each time
and place. Your voice, a clarion call to strive, Inspire us to learn, to
grow, to thrive.

Through trials faced and triumphs won, Your steadfast light, our rising
sun.

AWAKENING LIGHT

By Nnaji for Favour Chiziterem

Lost hope and shattered dreams
Your words of encouragement and hope have brought an eternal
continuity of trust in our lives

You stole all our pains, sadness and worries
And showered us with peace of mind

The morning awakens to your beauty
The sun and daylight applauds your presence

Your reign is the brightest,
Your work, my mouth can't say, but remains in my every thought.

Prestigious, reputable, distinguished,
Of what should be compared?

In all past pages,
Your reign has brought up pages for ages

Your leadership,
Has create a way for love and happiness again

This lost and forgotten feeling, for anyway to bargain

Just as the clouds covers and hovers around the earth,
So are you covered in the light of God.

You brought us out of darkness,
And shine lights to our dying paths,

The strength you exhibit,
Cannot be compared to that of a lion

Nor your kindness and care to that of a loving shepherd

This love forever I abide
In your coverage of care
You're reign shall remain imprinted in our hearts,

For witnessing this motherly love of compassion and deep affection.

A SCHOLAR AND EDUCATOR

By Ikeh Sonia

Dr. Kate Omenugha

A scholar, an educator, a leader you be

Your guidance and wisdom we value,

You see.

You inspire us students to grow,

To reach for new knowledge wherever we go.

You nurture our minds and hearts, you lead

With kindness and passion, the path we must heed.

Your university stands tall

A beacon of light

Thanks to your dedication and vision so bright.

We honor your service, your grace, your success

You are a force of positivity, we confess

TO THE FIRST CANDIDATE

By Ezeukwu Bethel Chibudom

The first candidate Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University
Your coming a breath of fresh air
A leader with great a vision
A shining light, laying the blueprint of success
Our vice chancellor

Your watchwords
Nothing is impossible
I do not accept failure
Yes I can
Sends rays of hope, none can withstand

Though just six months have passed since you took the helm
Your impact is felt, a rare gem
With wisdom, compassion and a heart of gold
You're shaping our institution, young and old
Our vice chancellor

Your dedication inspires, your passion ignites
Let us celebrate this great leader
With keen vision and full spirits
Guiding our institution day and night
Our vice chancellor

VISIONARY LEGACY

By Chukwudi Precious

A leader of vision, a heart of gold,
You guide our institution, young and old.
With wisdom and grace, you chart our course,
And inspire us to reach for excellence, of course.

Your dedication and passion, a shining light,
Illuminate the path, through day and night.
You foster a community, of learning and growth,
Where minds are expanded, and futures are shaped with truth.

With every decision, you put our needs first,
And strive to make our institution a beacon of trust.
Your leadership is a gift, a treasure so rare,
A blessing to our community, beyond compare.

May your wisdom continue, to guide us on our way,
And may your heart remain, full of kindness every day.

A LEADER MOST DEVOTED

By Enendu Chioma Favour

A leader of vision, a heart of gold
Your dedication to education, forever to hold
Your passion for knowledge, a beacon bright, illuminating and
crushing darkness of night

With dedication and vision
You strive to mold minds and help dreams come alive
A testament of your impact on this land
With every step, a new horizon unfolds

As you champion innovation, you breed young minds
Nurturing minds for the best benefit
Your commitment to excellence, a shining light
With wisdom and guidance you pave ways

You spread warmth in a special way
You give us solemnity when we're weary
With words of comfort you always bestow

In the halls of knowledge a true leader you are
Standing firm and embracing all fears
A vice Chancellor admired by all
Inspiring students each day!
A role model, in every sense of the light

A true hero, in every sense of the best
Your bravery and sacrifices we honor and praise
A hero's legacy, that will forever raise

Your guidance and wisdom a precious gem
A noble theme with every word, a lesson we gain
Forever grateful for your mentorship reign
We hail you!!

TRIBUTE TO KATE OMENUGHA

BY Nzeribe Mmesoma Favour

Black woman, African woman
Her intelligence, wisdom and hard work
Are not surprising.
A woman who cares about people around her.
Bearing the interest of her student in her mind.

A paragon of beauty
She is a woman with courage, stamina
That would admire and happiness one inspires.

An intellectual woman
Who goes extra miles to help one in need or broken hearted.
And in all her hard work
No one ever sees her fall apart.

An exceptional mother of all
Her kindness and generosity helps to bring support to the educational
institution and nation.
She is Kate Azuka Omenugha

A TRIBUTE TO WISDOM AND LEADERSHIP

By Anierobi Stephanie Nwabundu

Oh, wise and kind Vice Chancellor,
Your leadership shines brightly,
Inspiring us to aim higher,
Guiding our university day and night to greater heights.

A visionary leader,
Your commitment to education is renowned,
Former Minister of Education, so esteemed,
Improving lives, shaping minds, a beacon of light,
Your impact on our State will endure.

Your legacy of excellence and care,
Under your guidance, our university will flourish,
We applaud your tireless efforts,
A role model, a guiding light,
To our Vice Chancellor, a cheer for all you do, dear to us

ODE TO OUR VICE CHANCELLOR

By Azubuinne Mmesoma Rachel

In the realm of academia, a star ascends,
A leader of vision, where knowledge extends.
Our Vice Chancellor, with grace and might,
Guides us toward a future, vibrant and bright.

With wisdom deep and insight clear,
She navigates challenges, casting out fear.
Her dedication to truth and scholarly pursuit,
In every endeavor, bears noble fruit.

Through her leadership, our campus thrives,
Innovative spirit and passion drives.
She fosters a culture where minds can explore,
Opening pathways to discover more.

Her hands weave harmony, unity, and trust,
In her stewardship, our hopes are thrust.
She champions progress, equality, and care,
Building a community both strong and fair.

With every step, she leaves a mark,
Igniting ambitions, igniting a spark.
Research and learning, she intertwines,
Creating a legacy that forever shines.

Oh, Vice Chancellor, your virtues we praise,
In your honor, our voices we raise.
For the good works you bring, the dreams you inspire,
You set our hearts and minds on fire.

May your journey here be filled with grace,
As you lead us forward, in this hallowed space.
With gratitude and respect, this poem we pen,
To celebrate your tenure, now and again.

In your hands, the future's bright,
A beacon of hope, a guiding light.
With every deed, you pave the way,
For a brighter tomorrow, starting.

THE WOMAN OF VALOR

By Uzuegbunam Chidera Peace

Leader and just, the queen rules with a tender hand
Insight along with mercy, in every deed laid bare
Her realm flourishes, under her thoughtful stare
Adored by her people, her story spreads everywhere
Brave and steadfast, she leads with valor's might
A guiding star, in history's radiant light
Her name inscribed in gold, a timeless sight
A splendid queen, in every way, pure delight
Her legacy endures, beyond her rule's twilight
A sovereign eternal, in her people's hearts, so bright.

Tenacious and strong, she stands tall and proud
Radiating grace, her beauty shines aloud
Sophisticated charm, in every move she makes
Admirable strength, in every challenge she takes
Fearless and bold, she faces every test
Unwavering resilience, in every stormy nest
Her spirit unbroken, her heart still aglow
A true inspiration, for all to know
Her courage and wisdom, forever in our sight
A shining star, on a radiant night.

In her eyes, a deep understanding shines
Empathy flows like a river that's divine
Her imagination weaves tales so fine
Composed and calm, she navigates life's design
With intuition sharp as a razor's edge
She cuts through doubt and fear, a true sage

Intellectual curiosity, her heart's pledge
Resourceful and bright, she turns challenges to pledge
Her presence is a gift, a treasure rare
A woman of depth, with a spirit beyond compare

Her spirit burns with brilliance, ever bold,
A wellspring deep of wisdom to impart.
Her gaze, a beacon, pierces shadows cold,
With courage etched upon her valiant heart.
Her voice rings true, a champion for the right,
A melody that stirs the soul to rise.
With gentle hand, she guides the path of light,
And kindles hope within her gentle eyes.
Her legacy, a tapestry so grand,
Woven with threads of love and hard-won grace.
A testament to strength that will withstand,
A timeless etching on the sands of space.

A gracious leader, with a loving heart
Confident and fearless, she plays her part
Serene in turmoil, joyful in peace
Her articulate voice, our souls release
Thoughtful and kind, she guides us along
With a spirit that shines, like a sweet, sweet song
Her fearlessness inspires, her love knows no bound,
In her presence, our hearts are lifted, our souls are found
With grace, she leads us, through life's joys and fears
And in her serene strength, we find our tears
Her confidence is contagious, it spreads like a flame
And in her loving leadership, we find our way, our name.

THE CHAMPION OF CHANGE

By Azubuike Rejoice Uloaku

She stands tall, a leader among us,
Her wisdom, grace and strength are never to be discussed.

With steadfast passion she guides us all,
Towards the peak of education, standing so tall.

Her visions clear, her goals concise,
She leads our institution with so much poise.

A beacon of hope, a champion of change,
She reigns with an aura that's hard to range.

A fountain of knowledge, she bestows upon us,
The thirst for learning, she never does fuss.

With each step, we are amazed by her finesse,
Her wisdom and kindness, we truly cannot stress.

Her footsteps, they paved the way for us to thrive,
A life of purpose, she helps us revive.

As we learn and grow under her wing,
We strive to honor her, our hearts sing.

The quiet revolutionist who defies the odds, architect of our future.
The epitome of love, the embodiment of sacrifice, strength, courage.

A whirlwind of love, a leader, a mentor, a true gem, a guide for all,
The unheralded champion of humanity, whose light will never fail,

Her light shines so bright, a path for us to see,
A legacy so strong for all to see.

Her footsteps, a beacon for the lost,
Her guidance, a lighthouse, the cost.

We walked the path, she forged before,
A legacy she leaves that will last evermore.

I bow my head in gratitude and pride,
For a vice chancellor, who's always been our guide.

She stands amongst us, a shining star,
Her warmth, her brilliance, from near and far.

A guiding light, she leads the way,
With strength and grace, a world to sway.

Her wisdom, a treasure, for us to unfold,
Her warmth, a comfort, in the cold

A true leader, she stands so strong,
Her presence, a blessing, for all to behold.

Her impact, a wave, that spreads far and wide,
Her legacy, a flame, that will never subside,

Her wisdom, her gift, her love, so hollow,
A path she's carved for us to follow.

Her light, a guiding star, to those in need,
A beacon of hope, a seed.

She guides us all with a gentle hand,
A wise counsel, for all to understand.

A leader, a mentor, a light in the dark,
Her legacy, a memory, etched in our hearts.

A champion of education, a friend to all,
A leader who stands, and never falls.

Her passion, it burns like a flame,
A light, a warmth, that's hard to tame.

ODE TO A GUIDING LIGHT: IN PRAISE OF OUR VICE CHANCELLOR

By Adim Heavenly

Our beloved Vice Chancellor, a star in the sky
Raising our banner high, you help us soar and fly
Your keen mind guides our path, we navigate with ease
Guiding us to excellence, your vision never ceases
Your steadfast hand upholds our scholastic might
Engaging hearts and minds, our community takes flight
You foster growth in our world, igniting new ideas

With dedication in your heart, you pave the way
Fostering partnerships near and far, our future's brightened by the ray
Your devotion to our learning, a light that never fades
Bringing forth a richness, our future is beautifully made
Our journey would not be as clear, without your guiding light
Always forging forward, the road is now bright
Your leadership shines bright, for us to see

As we set sail towards success, your beacon never dims
Forging new frontiers, our knowledge ever brims
Your steadying hand, a compass for our days
Leading us through challenges, with confidence always
Under your watch, our community is strong and bright
We sing our praises loud, as we ascend to new heights
Our future glows bright, our gratitude immense

Our gratitude is deep, our respect is great
For the Vice Chancellor, our guiding mate
May your wisdom ever shine, your legacy never fade
As our paths you help define, our future ever made
With our hearts full of pride, we bid you thank you
For the journey you have led, and the path you have drawn through.

AN EPITOME OF EXCELLENCE

By Aniebonam Favor

By the waters of the Niger,
Flowing slowly to the sea,
Stands a seat of education,
Where pastures are greener

Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University,
In the hands of the great valor,
Pro-unity her priority,
A mother, a teacher, a leader and an epitome of excellence

Education for development,
Our motto and our watchword,
Her aura and prestige, it's full in this great citadel,
Bringing the institution in it's forward

The university in the hands of an educational professor,
Can only mean, educational progress at its peak,
Speaking of the notable Vice Chancellor,
Prof. Mrs. Kate Azuka Omenugha

WHAT AN ICON YOU ARE

By Iloh Chijioke Kingsley

As a child
I've always look up to great minds
Minds that grow wings to fly
Minds that think high
And now I set my eyes on one

The idea of a mother
Of a model, a leader
A person of vision
Seeing great beyond current situations

It is this visionary mind of your that sets you aside
And your charisma to make men aline
Discipline and diligence walks by your side
Your integrity, Invaluable like a hundred years wine

When they talk about a leaders
I think about you
And when they ask about leaders
I preach about you
A restorer of glory
This you do even boldly
With all fierceness
Unapologetically
A leader indeed
Who knows how to lead

What an icon you are
With you even the slow will go far
The Lord shall keep you from mar
He shall make pleasant your part

You are an icon of admiration
Your steps are our inspiration
It is indeed a privilege
In this recent days
To behold a sage
An elegant sage

To my Vice Counselor
The captain of great sailors
Like the sand of the sea shore
Your glory shall multiple for sure

A GREAT LEADER

By Chidera Havillah

A leader of vision, a heart of gold,
A scholar, a mentor, a story to be told.
With wisdom and grace, you guide the way,
Inspiring minds, and shaping the day.

Your dedication to knowledge and truth,
Has brought honor and pride to our institution's youth.
Through your efforts, we've grown and thrived,
And our hearts are filled with gratitude and pride.

With a spirit of innovation and grace,
You've led us forward, leaving a lasting trace.
Your legacy will live on, a shining light,
Guiding future generations, through day and night.

You've fostered a community of learning and growth,
Where minds are expanded, and dreams are birthed.
Your leadership has been a beacon bright,
Illuminating the path, to a brighter light.

We celebrate you, our Vice Chancellor dear,
A true leader, a shining star, always near.
Your impact on our lives, will forever be told,
A testament to your dedication, and your heart of gold.

A mother's love, a precious gem,
A treasure trove, where hearts can win.
With gentle care, and selfless might,
You guide us through the darkest night.

Your kindness flows, like a river wide,
Nourishing souls, and hearts inside.
With every smile, and every tear,
You show us love, that casts out fear.

Your patience and strength, a beacon bright,
Inspire us on, through life's plodding flight.
With every hug, and every kiss,
You fill our lives with joy and bliss.

A Vice Chancellor's love, a gift so rare,
A treasure we can never share.
You are our rock, our shelter and our home,
Forever in our hearts, you'll roam.

We celebrate you, a woman of value, virtue and viability,
We love and cherish you.

A LEADER OF LEARNING

By Chukwukeluo Ada juliana

A leader of learning, a guiding light
You lead with vision, day and night
Our university thrives under your care
A hub of knowledge, where minds are shared

Your deed in our university, forever be told
A leader of grace, a heart of gold
Innovation and research, flourish under your care
A true champion, of education's noble air

Your visions inspires us, to reach and strive
To excel in our fields, and make a difference alive
Your leadership is a gift, a treasure to behold

A shining example, for young and old
A true champion, of education's score
Your commitment to excellence, well done We salute your efforts,
Your tireless drive A vice chancellor, truly one of kind alive

To the values you uphold, the principles you share
A vice chancellor, beyond compare
We celebrate your achievements,
Your dedication true A vice chancellor, extraordinary, though, and
through
Your door is always open, listening ear
Students, staffs, and faculties, all draw near
Your guidance and wisdom, a precious gem
Prof. Kate Azuka helping us grow, overcoming them

THE WOMAN I SAW

By Okeke Favor Oluebube

I keep ringing the golden bell
I keep telling souls about this woman
I adore and admire
The woman on white
The woman I compliments, extol
Proclaim and hail, honor

A virtue soul
A woman on labor to deliver life to the world of academia
A nursing mother of bright future to come
God sent
A fighter, adviser and the woman that brought light to education
And value to womanhood

THE WEIGHT OF DESTINY

By Ofunelo Christian

In an Era where vain is the culture
The ability to nurture
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Yet woven in this gift's embrace, a burden hid unseen
A duality entwined
She embraced this gift and weight with open hands and heart

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A mother's love pure and divine
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With hearts unscathed by life's demands
We grasp at dreams with eager hands
Ignoring whispers of the wise.

Her spirit a beacon forever aglow
In the heart of time will always shine

THE ESTEEMED AND TRUE ONE

By Ozoemenan Adaezeh Assumpta

Oh Vice Chancellor, esteemed and true,
Your dedication, we always knew.
In academia's realm, you lead the way,
Brightening each and every day.

Your guidance shapes our academic quest,
In your wisdom, we find rest.
With honor and respect, we address,
Your impact, we truly confess.

Oh Vice Chancellor, wise and bold,
Your leadership shines like gold.
In halls of learning, you stand tall,
Guiding us, one and all.

With knowledge vast and vision clear,
You pave the way, year after year.
In academia's hallowed ground,
Your wisdom and grace abound.
Through challenges and triumphs, you steer,
Inspiring minds far and near.
Oh Vice Chancellor, we sing your praise,
In gratitude, our voices raise.

A LEADER TRUE

By Declan Onyinye Genevieve

Professor Kate Azuka, a leader of true,
At the helm of COOU, with vision anew,
Guiding minds, shaping future with care,
A scholar, administrator, with expertise rare.

With passion for learning, she leads the way,
Fostering academics excellence, day by day,
Her dedication, a beacon, shining bright,
A harmony of knowledge, and a rhythm to repeat.

With every step, she paves a path, so clear and so bright,
A journey of discovery, and a future in sight,
Her dedication is a gift, so precious and so rare,
A treasure to cherish, and a legacy to share.

Professor omenugha, a shining star so true,
Professor omenugha, a name etched in time,
A legacy of excellence, a leader, through and through.

THE VICE CHANCELLOR, A TREASURE TO BEHOLD

By Ojukwu Ogochukwu Precious

In the heart of the University, a leader shines bright.
The vice Chancellor, a beacon of hope in the darkness night.
With a heart of compassion, she guides and inspires.
Her wisdom and kindness, the campus admires.

Through challenges and triumphs,
She stands strong and She is determined.
A pillar of support, amidst the bustling crowd.
With a smile that brightens the dearest of days.
She listens to all in so many wonderful ways.

She walks among students, with a friendly smile.
Encouraging dreams to take flight and begin.
In the lecture halls and offices, her presence is felt.
A mentor, mother and friend in whom many hearts melt.

With a passion for learning, she fosters a flame of knowledge.
Empowering minds to aspire, achieve and claim
A champion of diversity, embracing all with open arms.
Uniting the University in her soothing charms.

In lectures and discussions her intellect shines.
A scholar and education in whom brilliance aligns.
But beyond the titles and accolades she holds.
She is a woman of warmth, with stories untold.
She celebrates success and supports through strife.

A leader who brings together the tapestry of life.
In the tapestry of University life, her thread is gold.

The vice Chancellor, a treasure to behold.
I present to you the leader, who paves the way, for students and staff,
each and everyday.

In the halls of chukwuemeka odumegwu ojukwu University, she is
extraordinary

And also she is divine.

A vice Chancellor with a heart, so pure and so fine

A RADIANT SOUL

By Okonkwo Agatha

A radiant soul with grace so rare,
Our Vice Chancellor; beyond compare,
Her beauty shines like a work of art,
A masterpiece, straight from the heart.

A leader of vision wise and true,
Our Vice Chancellor; guiding us anew,
With heart and mind she lead the way,
Inspiring excellence night and day.

Her smile a ray of sunshine bright,
Lights up the way banishing the night,
Her eyes, pools of wisdom, deep and wide,
Reflecting kindness and a heart full of pride.

With integrity, compassion and grace,
She foster a community, a welcoming space,
Her passion for knowledge a beacon bright,
Illuminating paths, banishing the night.

A role model of wisdom, humility and might,
Our Vice Chancellor, shining so bright,
May her leadership continue to inspire,
Guide our institution, flourishing side by side.

Her presence a gentle summer breeze,
Soothing minds and claiming troubled seas,
Her voice a melody, so sweet and clear,
Inspiring hope and dispelling fear.

Her door always open, ears always keen,
Listening to voices, making dreams serene,
A champion of innovation, progress and growth,
Empowering minds shaping the future's growth.

Her beauty is more than skin-deep, it's true,
A reflection of the beauty within, shining through,
A heart of gold, a mind so bright,
My Vice Chancellor, a precious delight

A STEWARD OF KNOWLEDGE

By Okeke Amara Fidelia

In the university's hallowed halls,
The Vice Chancellor's wisdom calls.
A steward of knowledge, a beacon of light,
Guiding us through academia's might.

With eloquence and grace, she leads the way,
Inspiring minds to seize the day.
Her dedication unwavering, her passion true,
In her footsteps, we eagerly pursue.

In classrooms and lecture halls,
Her influence on us enthralls.
Empowering students to dream big,
To spread their wings and truths to dig.

In her leadership, we feel secure,
Her guidance and wisdom, ever pure.
Bringing harmony to the campus wide,
With compassion and grace as her guide.

From dawn till dusk, she toil with care,
Ensuring our education's fair.
A champion for all, both great and small,
Her legacy in our hearts stands tall.

So raise a cheer, a song of mirth,
For the Vice Chancellor, of infinite worth.
In her honor, we stand united and true,
Proud to call her our leader through and through.

PRAISES TO AN ICON

By Orji Chidiebube

A leader wise, a guiding light
Our Vice Chancellor, shining bright
With vision and passion, they lead the way
For a brighter future, day by day

Their dedication to education, a beacon of hope
Inspiring minds, a new scope
For students, staff, and faculty alike
A unifying force, a bond to strike

With grace and wisdom, they navigate the tide
A true champion of knowledge, side by side
With innovative spirit, they pave the path
For a prosperous tomorrow, a new chapter to craft

Their leadership, a gift to our university's fold
A treasure to cherish, a story to be told

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BEHIND THE MAHOGANY

By Udechineke Jennifer

In a grand office,
Behind a mahogany desk,
Sits the Vice Chancellor, prof Kate Azuka poised and statuesque.
With vision and wisdom, she leads with grace,

Navigating challenges with an elegant embrace.
Her presence commands respect, her voice calm yet firm,
In her hands, the university's future will affirm.
A beacon of knowledge, a paragon of skill,
She shapes young minds, with passion and goodwill.

Guiding the faculty,
Inspiring the students,
Her dedication unwavering, her wisdom astute.
With a heart full of compassion,
And a mind sharp and keen,

The Vice Chancellor's legacy, an inspiring dream.
So here's to the leader, the masterful guide,
In her hands, the university thrives and strides.
With humility and strength, she paves the way,
Professor Kate omenugha, a shining light each day

A GENTLE SOUL

By Paul Christabel Chidera

"A gentle soul, a heart so kind
A love that shines, a beauty to find
In her eyes, a warmth does glow
A smile that brightens, a love that grows

With grace and wisdom, she leads the way
Inspiring minds, come what may
Her dedication, a shining light
Guiding us forward, through day and night

Her kindness knows no bounds, it's true
A heart of gold, a love that shines through
She's a treasure, a gem so rare
A leader precious, beyond compare

With every word, she speaks from the heart
Encouraging us, to play our part
In her presence, we find our peace
A sense of belonging, our souls release

Through her leadership, we find our way
And with her guidance, we face each new day
With gratitude, we honor her name
And celebrate her legacy, in every way

So here's to our Vice Chancellor dear
A shining star, who banishes all fear
We thank you for all that you do
And honor your leadership, forever true.

A HEROINE NOT IN NAME ALONE

By Onye Stephanie Mmesoma

In walls of knowledge, wide and grand,
A beautiful soul, a steady hand.
The vice chancellor stands tall and firm,
To nurture minds year after year.

A leader not in name alone,
Her deeds and words, a cornerstone.
With every choice and every stand,
She shapes the mind that shapes the land.

Oh vice chancellor! In your reign,
Knowledge and wisdom shall sustain.
Your legacy, a guiding star,
Helps create departments students love.

God brought a heroine!,
You come from God's own country
Your English is so brilliant,
That it would put the oxford dictionary to shame.

With gratitude we sing your praise,
For all your time and efforts.
In every mind your light does gleam,
You're the lioness of our time.

I love learning in this great citadel,
With a hardworking vice chancellor to keep it all straight.
Sincerely in reason compassionate in thoughts,
Non selective in judgment, dazzling performance.

Because you're not only an accomplished heroine,
But also a beautiful soul.
A great leader is irreplaceable,
They play an ever crucial part.

With wisdom's torch, they light the way,
Your work is a work of the heart.
Some vice chancellors helps you learn,
But a good one helps you to discern.

Time you spent in planning,
Efforts you make
Ages to learning, change you bring,
Here's to our vice chancellor a rare gem! I salute you!! Our heroine!!

A WOMAN I KNOW

By Ejindu Genevieve

I lay on my bed, eyes shot thinking of what I can be as a woman.
Trying to put my attention on what I can achieve as a woman.
The world doesn't understand the place of a woman.
I'm torn between my dreams and how I can achieve them.
Then my mind goes to a woman I know.

A woman filled with so much wisdom.
A woman who stops at nothing to achieve her dreams.
A woman who's a mother and yet an achiever.
Compassionate but not fluttering is the woman I know.
A woman of great principle who's fashioned with many attributes.
Oh! Yes I know a woman who speaks with much intelligence,
Than any woman I know of.
She's a wife who also governs her world.

I'm filled with awe at the work she has done.
Achievements even men couldn't brag of getting,
She stepped in, got and made men tremble.
She's stronger than she looks, for strength isn't in the muscle
But in the heart.
A leader with the heart to be fierce yet understanding.
Men assemble when she calls, for she's a force to reckon with.
An educator, optimist, has faced trials and has prevailed.
Given to mankind by God and fulfilling mandates.
A woman I know of.

I'm invigorated to keep going, for one day I'll be,
This woman too.
I smile at my thoughts because I have a mentor,
And I'll keep looking up to the woman I know.

OUR ESTEEMED VICE CHANCELLOR

By Mmanwu Princess

In the halls of knowledge, where dreams take flight,
Stands a leader, a beacon, shining bright.
Kate Omenugha, with wisdom in her gaze,
Guiding minds through the academic maze.

With grace and poise, she takes her stand,
In COOU Igbariam, her vision is grand.
Vice Chancellor, a title well earned,
In her stewardship, the flames of learning burn.

In the heart of Anambra, her influence spreads,
A champion of education, where hope treads.
She nurtures the seeds of future's bloom,
In every lecture hall, dispelling gloom.

Her dedication, a testament true,
To the power of education, through and through.
With every decision, she paves the way,
For a brighter tomorrow, come what may.

So let us raise our voices high,
In praise of Kate Omenugha, reaching for the sky.
In COOU Igbariam, her legacy unfurls,
A leader, a mentor, changing the world.

In the realm of academia, where minds intertwine,
Kate Omenugha's brilliance forever shines.

With intellect sharp and heart so kind,
In her presence, inspiration we find.

Through challenges faced, she stands tall,
Leading with courage, breaking every wall.
In COOU Igbariam, her name resounds,
A symbol of excellence, where knowledge abounds.

With each stride she takes, a path is cleared,
For students and scholars, her vision was revered.
Empowering voices, igniting the flame,
In the pursuit of wisdom, she lights the way.

With passion ablaze, she fosters dreams,
In the hearts of all, her impact gleams.
Vice Chancellor, a role she fulfills with grace,
Transforming futures, in every embrace.

So let us honor Kate Omenugha's name,
In accolades and praises, let it proclaim.
For in COOU Igbariam, her legacy thrives,
A testament to greatness, where aspirations thrive.

A MOTHER TO THE YOUNG

By Josephat Oluebube Gloria

Omenugha a rare gem
Who upholds discipline
That entails virtues Salient for the great young

Omenugha the mother of the young and old
As firm as the mammalian gland
Which feeds and breeds Great minds in the Ivory Tower And beyond it

Omenugha the mother of the young Just like the woodpecker
She pecks knowledge into the young
Her wit conjoined with her intellect
Her slogan is knowledge precede power

Omenugha the mother of the young
The great falcon
That serves as a path towards greatness In this great soil
Where great minds are sowed
Which yields good for the better future

THE BRAVE ONE

By Nweke Grace Adaeze

Here I am Crafting a poem about a brave woman I know,
She is a virtuous woman with a zeal for knowledge challenges faced,
She takes up the mantle
With wisdom deep and courage bold,
She leads with a heart of gold.

With her Empowered In leadership's realm,
She stands firm With grace and strength,
She commands.

Her virtues shine like a guiding light,
In voices she breaks through,
In her leadership, dreams renew.
Just like the mother eagle,
She protects her little Eagles and Falcons
In her steps, resilience found,
In her vision, hope abounds.
A woman leader, true and wise,

In her guidance, greatness lies.
So here's to the woman leader strong,
In her virtues, we all belong.
With her at the helm, we rise above,
In her leadership, we find love.
I'll end my poem with the Proverbs 31
"woman who standeth in high places and sits among men"

A LEADER OF VISION AND GRACE

By Effiong Eno Francisca

With wisdom, wit, and gentle might,
She leads the academic stage tonight,
A trailblazer, breaking barriers wide,
A female Vice Chancellor, with a heart full of pride.

Her eyes shine bright with intellect and fire,
Her voice inspires, with a warm and gentle desire,
To nurture minds, to guide and to empower,
A true role model, in every hour.

With a passion for learning, she paves the way,
For students and staff, a brighter day,
Her leadership, a beacon of light,
Illuminating paths, through the dark of night.

Through her doors, a warm welcome awaits,
For diverse voices, and diverse fates,
She fosters inclusivity, with an open heart,
A true champion of equity and art.

With grace and strength, she navigates the tide,
A shining star, who glides with pride,
A female Vice Chancellor, of great renown,
A true icon, in the academic crown.

A LEADER WITH VISION

By Albert Helen Chinaza

A leader of vision, a woman of might,
Prof Kate Azuka Omenugha, shining bright.
With viability, she guides and directs,
Ojukwu University, under her steady inspection.

Her values, a beacon, that shines so true,
Inspiring minds, and hearts, anew.
A champion of knowledge, a trailblazer too,
Prof Omenugha, a legend, in all she does, anew.

With grace and wisdom, she leads the way,
A true icon, in every sense, every day.
Her impact, a legacy, that will forever stand,
A testament to her strength, and her steadfast hand.

Ojukwu University, fortunate to have her at the helm,
A leader, who truly, is a gem.
Prof Kate Azuka Omenugha, a woman of renown,
A shining star that will forever wear the crown.

A WOMAN ENDOWED OF HONOR

By Ozor Emmanuel Faith

To the woman endowed with honor,
Prof. Kate Omenugha,
your name rings out, echoing through the halls of education,
a name that carries weight, not just glory,
but scars.

Scars of criticism,
scars of failure,
scars from family, from society,
scars etched by Nigeria's economic struggles,
scars forged in the fires of resilience, hard work, determination.

Yet, amidst these scars, you stood strong,
rising above the turmoil,
like the mighty Iroko, towering above the forest,
rooting deep, creating change.

Do you think these scars mean nothing?
The weight of the fuel subsidy shows
it takes more than just will to care for a family,
let alone an organization,
in a land where they take much,
and give so little.

In this "cruise nation,"
where sagas of Davido and Wizkid,
Saida Boyi, and our leaders' antics,
turn into endless memes,
it takes strength to survive the sharp tongues of Nigerians.

Look at our classrooms, flooded with third-class graduates,
outnumbering the first-class honors,
this alone tells a story:
determination, hard work, resilience—no child's play.

Discipline is your badge,
and in your short stay at COOU,
we saw a revival in academic and social life,
a transformation in physical development,
worthy of a statue in your honor.

Everywhere you go,
you carry the flag of discipline,
transparency, dignity in labor,
integrity, and the undeniable truth:
"school no be scam."

To this phenomenal woman,
a role model, a leader,
a mother to all, a preacher of posterity,
your voice echoes loud and clear.

Students of English at COOU listen with rapt attention,
and for all you've done, all you do,
we will carry your voice
to the far ends of the earth.

THE LIONESSE CREED

By Okeke Favor Oluebube

In the land of the unknown
Looking for a leader to take us to the known
Here is a woman with wisdom as her compass
As she steers us right

She is our great leader
Cause she true definition of a leader
One who leads with passion and dedication
A woman inspiring amateur stars

In the world of academia we hold her dear
With this strong dedication she takes lead
I can hear voices from a distance
Our heroine
Our almighty of our time
Our angel sent from above
This our new anthem

She strives for our smile
She works on the image of the school
I see the zeal in her eyes
That very sit I refer to as sit of wisdom
It took a lot of scholars to sit
And look for someone to carry the throne
She gave her diamond sliver and gold

If academic is poetry
You are our muse
Infact you are that opluiche nwanyi
One thing about this lioness
She roared the day she was given the head
The east, west, north and south heard the sound and saw the change

She brought the hidden talents to light
She brought those in each department and set it in the clouds to shine
So nations will see the burning flame in us
She is the muse of COOU

Mummy the day I heard you are the head
In a glass of joy filled with merriment
Drunk with joy and smile crave on my face

The working belief in weaving and performing panegyrics is that the voice of the people is the voice of the gods – *onu machu bu onu mmuo*. Professor Kate Omenugha is a phenomenal woman, one who has left a touch of impressive results wherever destiny has led her. The poems contained in the volume are a celebration of her persona as an Acting and certainly, the 'Action' Vice Chancellor of Chukwuemeka Odumegwu University. I could not help but notice that a significant number of the student contributors to this volume are female; the subject of the collection is a woman. Celebrating *womanity* is a task I can never be tired of doing. Therefore, to the girl-child out there, do not take no for an answer; Kate Omenugha did not take no for an answer, if she had, she would not have reached this height.

May I most cheerfully recommend this work to all lovers of creativity, everywhere in the world.

Akachi Adimora-Ezeigbo
Professor of English

Ife-nkili is a step into the vibrant world of the collection of seminal poems crafted by the staff and students of the Department of English at Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University. This anthological array is a heartfelt tribute to the illustrious Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kate Azuka Omenugha, whose wisdom, vision, and leadership have left an indelible mark on the academic community and society at large.

Ife-nkili is a compelling collection. As you read it, you will experience the powerful words of those who have been touched by the extraordinary journey of Prof. Kate Azuka Omenugha, Acting Vice Chancellor, Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University. This anthology ensures her contributions to education and leadership are remembered for generations to come.

Prof. Allen Nnanwuba Adum
Professor of Mass Communication

In the collection, *Ife-nkili*, the young poets present adroitly crafted poetic pieces. The poems are woven, condensed pulsating eulogies couched in brilliant striking elegance. The laudations are as apt and lucid, as they are imbued with honour and reverence.

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Professor of English, Literary and Gender Studies

