

The Yorùbá Poets and the Nigerian Economy

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ABSTRACT The thrust of the paper is the Yorùbá poets' focus on the Nigerian economy. The paper finds out that Yorùbá poets chronicle the historical development of Nigeria's economy from the period of agricultural boost to the emergence of oil boom that brought about a healthy economy. The economy was however mismanaged by successive governments through obtaining of foreign loans, currency devaluation, fraud, corruption, hoarding of goods and incessant looting of government treasury by officials. The paper submits that poetry is a veritable tool of exposing ills of the society and correcting its anomalies. Poetry is a vital part of the cultural wealth of every nation that can be utilized to bring about growth and development of nations.