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Urban Music Award-winning positive rap spoken word from the tri-lingual poet/MC eternal. 15 MP3 Songs HIP HOP/RAP: Hip Hop, SPOKEN WORD: Poetry Details: Urban Music Award Winner Omkongo Dibinga is an activist, educator, spoken word artist, and Founder CEO of Free Your Mind Publishing. A first generation Congolese-American who was described by Nikki Giovanni as outstanding, exciting, and new while being very old, Omkongo writes and performs poetry in English, French and Swahili, and has occasionally used Wolof in his writings. He has released 2 spoken word CDs and 1 rap CD. The first CD, A Young Black Mans Anthem: Love, Afrika and Revolution Revisited, won the 2003 Cambridge Poetry Award for Best CD. His second CD, Signs of the Time, was released in June 2003. His first rap CD, Bootleg promotes positive hip-hop with remixes of songs by Tupac, Notorious BIG, Nas, Lauryn Hill, 50 Cent, and others. He has featured/lectured nationwide in universities and poetry venues from Harvard to Russell Simmons Hip-Hop Summit. Internationally, he has performed in South Africa, England, Congo-Kinshasa, Tanzania, France, Cuba, and Canada. His work has appeared on TV and radio from BET, BBC, NPR, Music Choice, and Voice of America in millions of homes in over 130 countries. He hosts an international radio show on Worldspaces station Flava, which broadcasts across Europe, Africa, and Asia. He has shared the stage with Les Brown, Willie Jolley, Sonia Sanchez, Amiri Baraka, Dennis Brutus, The Last Poets, Askia Tour, OutKast, Wyclef Jean, Reverend Run, Free, and Cousin Jeff. Omkongo was a member of the 2001 2003 Lizard Lounge Slam Team. He is currently a PhD student in International Education Policy at The University of Maryland where he studies the arts as a tool for social change. He received his MA from The Fletcher School of Law Diplomacy and BSFS from Georgetown University. He has also studied at Harvard, Princeton, MIT, Morehouse College, and the University of Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar, Sngal. His work has been globally adapted for curricula in primary,

secondary, and university institutions. He has released a trilingual book of poetry and DVD, From the Limbs of My Poetree, which has received praise from Dr. Maya Angelou, Essence Magazine, and The Washington Times. His second book, an anthology of Maryland middle school students entitled Poems from the Future: Poetic Reflections from the Next Generation was published in the summer of 2005. A dedicated educator for over 20 years, Omkongo plans to develop programs that focus on bridge building between young Africans throughout the Diaspora and helping to improve cultural understanding among all races. For more information, please visit omekongoand myspace.com/omekongo.

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