

## **NEIGHBORS.**

No one comes to your rescue soonest,  
Than your neighbor, let's be honest.  
In times of an emergency,  
They understand what they call urgency,  
Within a blink of an eye,  
They would be at your doorstep without a sigh.

We don't really miss distant family members that much  
With a good neighbour, you have a good catch  
They are a part of our family,  
And we are a part of theirs, happily.  
We need no invitation letter to their home,  
We all live under the same dome.

In my neighborhood,  
For example, we even share the food  
Items, especially when there's plenty of it,  
Raw that is, no one throws it in a pit  
Foods like bananas, cassava, sweet potatoes,  
Maize, rice and the vegetables like tomatoes.

The neighbour's children are like our sisters and brothers  
We don't share the same mothers and fathers,  
But they treat us right,

And our parents, those ones never fight,  
We all live in harmony,  
To me, a good neighbor is better than money.

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