

### Kalamu ya Salaam

#### Still Life, Stealing Life Caught Red-Handed

*-when you dine with sharks  
be careful less you become  
the meal*

how it hurts  
a whole country arrested  
by progress,  
the gleaming manacles  
of modern transnational management  
mangling and mutilating the wrist  
of a youthful labor force

in the airport  
a sign, a slogan  
the words "economic  
revolution" originally  
writ large in red,  
now nigh invisible,  
are fading away

c'est la vie,  
revolutions are never easy  
never negotiated nor agreed  
with handshake and signature

more often  
it is a bullet  
which reorders the wealth  
and the severed hands  
of traitorous thieves  
cut off  
that seals  
the success of struggle