

## **We Are Spirit. We Are King**

You cannot deny my identity.  
I am there even if I am not there.  
I am in your head, in the memory  
of the country. Even if you have  
never met me I am there because  
my Sri Lankan brothers  
served on the island  
as UN Peacekeepers. You know  
the whole world came to Haiti  
to save us from the gangs?  
The island is very important,  
a responsibility of foreign countries.  
Once, we produced profits  
greater than the 13 British  
colonies in America.  
We have a history  
that makes us proud,  
a culture, dance, music,  
spirits in our own style.  
We are not like other islands  
We are not broken down,  
broken up. We are Haiti.  
We are proud. We say hello  
with our head held up. Identity  
is the most important therapy,  
an aid, a tool to reply to the sea  
when it decides to rage  
against us, to drown  
everything. It cannot destroy  
this pride in our head.