



## Pashènt aki banda    Next-door Patient

Mi ta tendebo den anochi.

Ora bo kurason kibra  
den anochi.

Ora bo ta bo so ku nochí  
i un peso inmensamente kruel.

Mi ta tendebo den anochi.

Ora speransa hui bai lagabo  
i dianan benidero  
por parse di ta  
mas nochí i nochí so.

Ora mi tendebo den anochi  
mi pensamentunán ke traspasá  
densidat di muraya  
pa mi djis toka bo doló  
i hasi maske t'un parti  
di mi tambe.

Mi ta tendebo den anochi.  
I si tabata por  
lo mi a brasabo tiernamente  
den anochi  
aunke stranhero nos ta  
un pa otro  
i tur loke mi sa ta  
ku bo ta un hende muhé  
i ku bo kurason  
ta kibra den anochi.

Ai, nochí,  
nochí pretu,  
profundo —

I hear you in the night,  
when your heart breaks in the night,  
when you're alone with the night,  
and some cruel burden.

I hear you in the night,  
when hope flees away from you  
and days to come may seem to be  
more nights; mere nights?

I hear you in the night,  
and aim to think my way  
through the density of the wall  
so as to touch your pain  
and make it partly mine.

I hear you in the night,  
and would if I could  
hold you tenderly in the night  
though strangers we may be.  
I to you.  
You to me.  
And all I know is  
that you're a woman  
whose heart breaks in the night.

The night  
so dark,  
so deep —

