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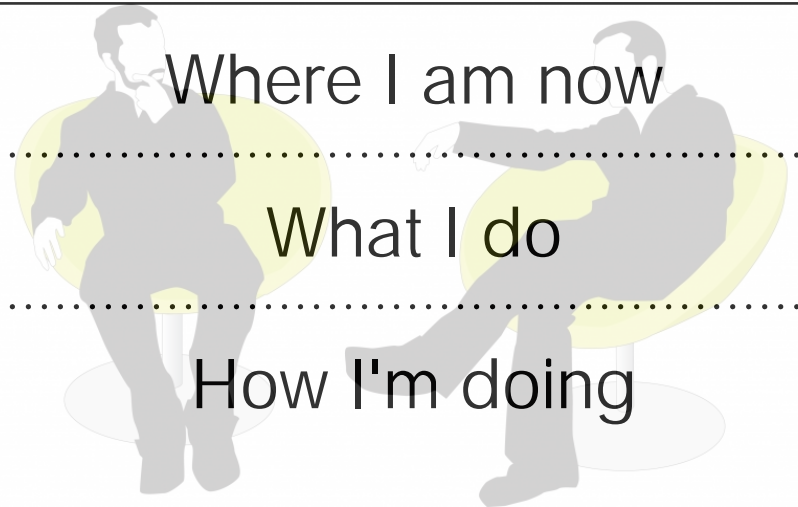


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What's This About?

Now I'm sure you're wondering "What is this PDF that my friend Damola has sent me?" and the simple answer to that is - **It's a letter.**

You see I've always been terrible with communication; You know it, I know it, moving on. This letter is my attempt to fix that problem. Building on a long steeped Mabogunje tradition of keeping in touch with old friends, I have decided to take it into the 21st century by digitising my letters, then emailing and blogging them. So not only will you receive this in your email, if ever you miss an edition or one gets buried in your mail, you can still read it at:

<http://mabogunje.net/the-red-string>

That said, you can henceforth expect a monthly letter from yours truly about what's going on in my world. And of course, being the **benevolent soul** that I am, I want to share this with everyone. so if there's something you want to share with all your old friends, feel free to email me at damola@mabogunje.net anytime and it will be included in the next edition.

The Red String?

“*What does all this have to do with a red string?*”

The Greeks as with the Japanese believe in strings which represent the destinies of human beings. In Greek culture the length of the string represents the length of a life, and where strings intertwine, people meet, interact, and spend some portion of their lives together: Be it a minute, or a **lifetime**. The red comes from the colour the Japanese believe the strings to be although in their case the strings tie soul mates together so I'm mixing and matching concepts here.

Still my hope is that this letter entwines my string with yours, and that through this letter you can entwine yours with others you love.

How Can U Contribute?

Like I said before, this letter is not only about me connecting to you. It's also about you connecting to me and friends we may share. Thus if you read something that you would want to respond to or have something to share, you can email me at damola@mabogunje.net

You can also **comment on the blog** and I will respond online

Note: It might take me longer to respond to blog comments than emails so it's best used for things to which you do not require an immediate reply.

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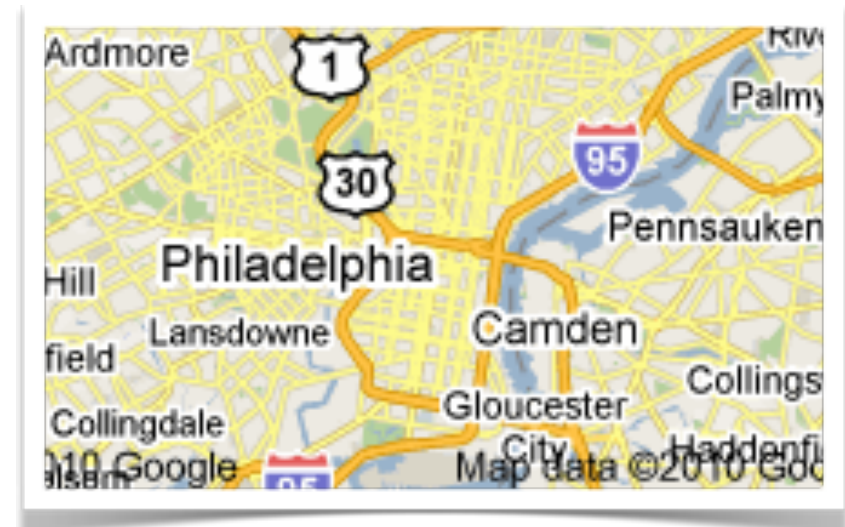
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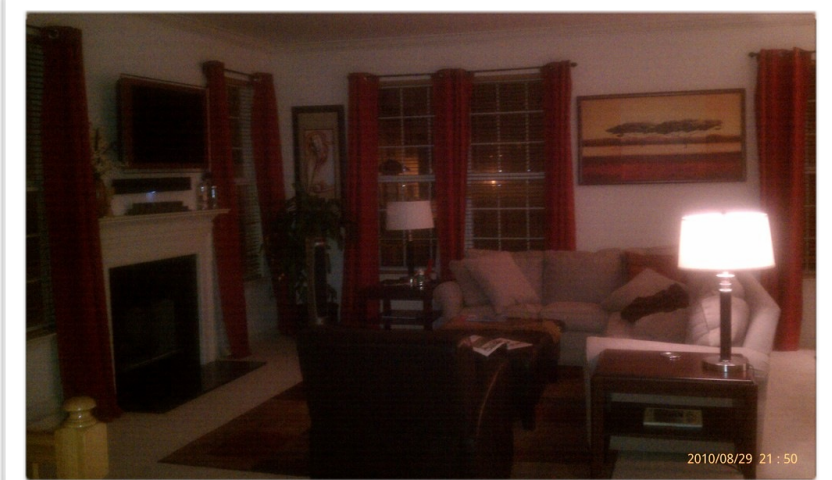
These days I live in **Philadelphia, USA** with my brother Deji. I just moved out of my apartment on 36th and Hamilton street, Philadelphia PA 19104 and now I am at **6 Cameron Court, Royersford PA 19468**. So there's my mailing address if you ever need it.

Although I live out here in the suburbs, most of my activity is in **University City** which is where my University - Drexel - is located. Thus, I often commute into the city for school and other things.

Commuting out here is pretty horrendous using anything other than your own car. Public transport takes no less than **2 hours** no matter your route. So if you're in town, give me a call and I'll come to you! That is, unless you're driving.



Philadelphia, USA



Deji's House

What I Do?

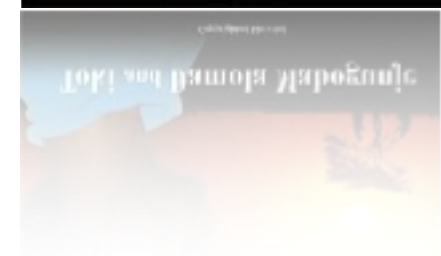
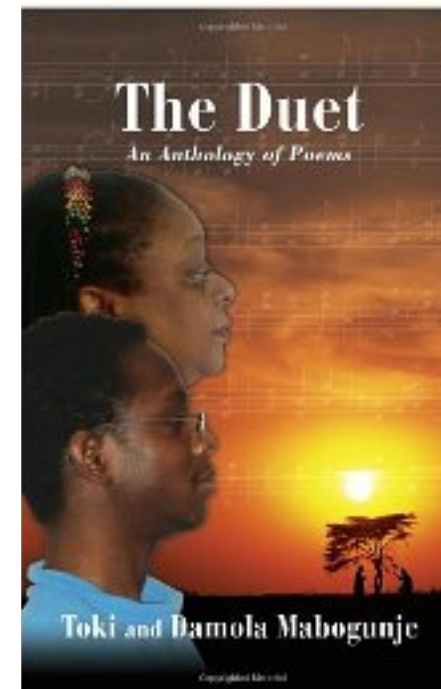
“ *I mostly sit in front of my computer all day, looking at or writing code* ”

Oh! The life of a CS major. That's right, I am a student of computer science at **Drexel University** so coding is pretty much my life.

However, when I am not coding, I take an interest in a few other things. I still **write poetry** quite often (as I have since middle school) and I love watching **Japanese anime** like Bleach, Naruto, One Piece, and many others.

Thanks to them, my interest in languages has flourished and I now know **Japanese** and **Mandarin Chinese** - neither of which I put to much practical use. Lol.

Still, back to my writing - Although I write mostly for my own entertainment, my mother and I have co-authored a book called **The Duet - An Anthology of Poems** so I am now not just a programmer, but also a bonafide author!



How I'm Doing?

I haven't been too fantastic lately I'm afraid. My [Sickle Cell Anaemia](#) took a turn for the worse and had me in the emergency room 3 - 5 times a week on average. I won't go into the details of that experience but I will say that it did inspire a couple of months worth of poetry.

I'm doing significantly better now (on new medication), my parents are here in the states for another 2 weeks, and we're travelling to [Las Vegas](#) tomorrow, so i'm in a good place both physically and mentally. Still, the months of sickness led to a delay in my graduation and thus a potential future problem with finding a job since hirings are lower in a non-graduation period not to mention the ongoing recession. For now though, let's not worry about that.

In other news, I got to meet up with [Damilola Jagun](#) in August, purchased the [IPad](#) with which I'm writing this letter, purchased a new phone - The [Droid Incredible](#) - which I am thoroughly enjoying, and became a part-time student due to the earlier referenced medical issues.

So yea... All in all, I'm doing just great! Still have a few hiccups to deal with but nothing too tremendous. Thus this is it for the pilot edition of [The Red String](#). Feel free to email me with any responses or thoughts and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

[Thanks](#) for reading!