

# POEMS

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## LEADER TYPES

### THE SLOTH

The sloth mostly sits  
For his people he cares not a whit

Night and day sits with head bent  
Weak-willed, of evil intent  
Works only when he pushed  
In a stupor when confronted with chores.

Made a leader, his voters suffer  
Made an Elder, curses on him shower  
Made the Induk his scions flounder  
As a leader he leads but to disaster.

## THE LEWD LEADER

His behaves like a lecher  
Wives and daughters he would molest

On seeing a female his eyeballs pop  
In thinking short, morals he has nought

Promises he breaks, vows he discards  
The people suffer, the country flounder.

Made a Leader, invites infelicity  
Made an Elder, he breeds enmity  
Made the Induk, he brings misery.

With power, preys he seeks  
With rank, his underlings he eats  
With wealth, more wives he begets  
To perdition, the people he leads.

**DEAF LEADER**

As a leader he is deaf and blind  
His heart malicious, his brain functionless

Good advice he shoves aside  
Thick-skinned, his mind ruined  
Others' problems he could not fathom  
The people savaged the country ravaged.

As a leader, qualify he does not  
As an Elder, he listens not  
As the Induk his eyes would see naught  
As a pillar, to stand he knows not  
As a shelter his wingspan too short  
Leading the country only to catastrophe  
The people cursing, living in misery.

### **COWARDLY LEADER**

As a leader he is dastardly  
His courage in his tongue merely

At functions he breathes with difficulty  
Farts on meeting an adversary  
When threatened, his life to his posterior would flee  
The people adrift the country disorderly.

As a leader, he really should not be  
As an Elder, he sits mutely  
Made the Induk would shake his knee  
As a leader he leads to calamity.

**(Translated by Hasnah Ibrahim)**