



## LESSON--18

### Protection

#### **NOTES:**

Substance- 'Protection is a poem translated from an Igbo traditional verse by R N Egudu. In this poem he thanks his God and his ancestors for letting him see a new day and protecting him and his family from evil men and spirits. He prays to them to continue protecting him and his household so that he may live till he attains a ripe old age. And if anyone complains about his long life he wishes that person to go ahead to see the land of the dead. As a righteous man, he wishes no evil and hopes that he will never get lost in the journey of his life

#### **Glossary**

Ancestors: People from whom a person descends

Hoe: a tool for breaking up surface soil

Protect: defend from harm

Owho: a secret staff which symbolises righteousness.

