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The worst people on earth are not only those who commit evil, but those who stand by and turn a blind eye

~Emmanuel Jal

Music is powerful. It is the only thing that can speak into your mind, your heart and your soul without your permission.

~Emmanuel Jal

I'm still a soldier, fighting with my pen and paper for peace till the day I cease.

~Emmanuel Jal

Any child soldier has to go through a lot of love, care and understanding to become normal.

~Emmanuel Jal

A cold heart is my protection mechanism. I don't really feel anything for anyone.

~Emmanuel Jal

I am proof that one person can rise above any challenge, and if I can, then so will others if they are given the chance.

~Emmanuel Jal

I still have nightmares of dead comrades, a long time ago, talking to me. 'Emmanuel, don't forget about us, don't give up, keep telling our story.'

~Emmanuel Jal

In Africa, music is for everything, Music was originally used for community. That was what music was for.

~Emmanuel Jal

Peace may be negotiated by politicians, but it is something written in

hearts and minds not on pieces of paper

~Emmanuel Jal

I lost my childhood. I didn't play football or video games. Or have birthdays or the love of a family.

~Emmanuel Jal

If I sleep for more than half an hour, I get horrible dreams in which I'm firing a gun and helicopters are coming down.

~Emmanuel Jal

Music is actually where I see heaven.

~Emmanuel Jal

Knife crime and gun crime is poverty-driven, and poverty leads to insecurity.

~Emmanuel Jal

When people know you've been a soldier, they judge you: you are a thief, a lost boy.

~Emmanuel Jal

To tell my story, to touch lives.

~Emmanuel Jal

I grew up in poverty. For 25 years I was fed on aid.

~Emmanuel Jal

I don't know anywhere where the people are hungrier for education than South Sudan.

~Emmanuel Jal

If you really kill, you don't want to talk about it.

~Emmanuel Jal

Education is the only solution for peace.

~Emmanuel Jal

Only a coward will use a gun to protect and get respect for themselves.

~Emmanuel Jal

I don't take modern hip-hop as real. It's entertaining, it's fake, like James Bond.

~Emmanuel Jal

For many Sudanese, it's for strength they choose to be Christian rather than Muslim. My mum was a Muslim but she became a Christian later.

~Emmanuel Jal

A lot of child soldiers lose their minds.

~Emmanuel Jal

Sometimes words are not needed, and the simplicity of expressing yourself through an art form is one of the best ways of communication.

~Emmanuel Jal

I'm rapping in English but in an African way. I'm not trying to sound like an American.

~Emmanuel Jal

In Africa, you know, if you're poor, at least you can go to the forest and share some mangoes with the gorillas and monkey.

~Emmanuel Jal

When I was in south Sudan, people used to rap in my village. But the rapping was more in the mother tongue, Nuer.

~Emmanuel Jal

I'm constantly seen as a 'foreigner,' and I need my passport to prove

my identity, to keep moving and to carry on my work. ~Emmanuel Jal

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