

Problem and Solution

This activity accompanies “At Night,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5332.

Activity Title: Problem and Solution

Description: The students will identify and explain the problem and solution in the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Problem and Solution

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will identify and explain the problem and solution in the poem.

Materials:

- “At Night” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them listen to it on the Lit2Go website (website link listed above). Discuss with the students the main idea and dialect of the poem. Then, have the students work individually to identify and write an explanation for the problem and solution in the poem. When the students have finished writing, have them share what they wrote with a partner.

