

Change the Poem

This activity accompanies “The Change,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5339.

Activity Title: Change the Poem

Description: The students will rewrite the first and last stanzas of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will rewrite the first and last stanzas of the poem.

Materials:

- “The Change” 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 read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main idea of the poem. Then, have the students work individually to rewrite the first and last stanzas of the poem. Allow the students to have Love carry what ever they choose. Also, have the students use the same rhyme scheme of the poem in their rewritten stanzas. When the students have finished writing, have them share their poems with a partner.

