

Add a Stanza

This activity accompanies “A Song,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5364.

Activity Title: Add a Stanza

Description: The students will work with a partner to add a stanza to the poem, using the same structure as the author.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will add a stanza to the poem, using the same structure as the author.

Materials:

- “A Song” 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 with a partner to write an additional stanza to the poem, using the same structure and language as the author. When the students have finished writing, have them share their stanzas in front of the class.