

Dance “The Dance”

This activity accompanies “The Dance,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5199.

Activity Title: Dance “The Dance”

Description: The students will work with a partner to create a dance, using the steps outlined in the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts and Arts: Dance

Skill: Reading Comprehension and Dance Applications

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will create a dance, using the steps from the poem.

Materials:

- “The Dance” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them listen to it on the Lit2Go website (website link above). Discuss with the students the main idea and dialect of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to create a dance using the steps outlined in the poem. Allow the partners time to practice their dances. Next, have the partners perform their interpretation of the dance in front of the class.

