## **Poem Structure**

This activity accompanies "Poor Withered Rose – A Song," from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5383.

Activity Title: Poem Structure

**Description:** The students will work with a partner to explain how the structure of the poem enhances the poem's meaning.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis

## **Behavioral Objective:**

• The student will explain how the structure of the poem enhances the poem's meaning.

## Materials:

- "Poor Withered Rose A Song" poem, available in audio and print form at <a href="http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/">http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/</a>
- 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 explanation for how the structure of the poem enhances the poem's meaning. When the students have finished working, have a whole class discussion reviewing their answers.



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