

## Poem's Meaning

This activity accompanies "Forever," from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5303.

**Activity Title:** Poem's Meaning

**Description:** The students will interpret the poem, and then discuss their thoughts in small groups.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Reading Comprehension

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will interpret the poem, and then have small group discussions.

**Materials:**

- "Forever" 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. Have the students write down ideas for interpretations of the poem's meaning. When the students are finished writing, have them meet in small groups to discuss what they wrote. Finally, have a whole class discussion reviewing the discussions the students had.

