

## Pick a Tune

This activity accompanies “The Song,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5064.

**Activity Title:** Pick a Tune

**Description:** The students will choose a tune, or create their own tune, to perform with one of the stanzas of the poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts and Art: Music

**Skill:** Applications of Music

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will work with a group to choose a tune, or create a tune, to use with one of the stanzas of the poem in a performance of that stanza.

**Materials:**

- “The 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 in small groups to choose a stanza of the poem and a tune, to accompany the stanza, to perform in front of the class. Allow the students time to practice their stanza and tune before performing.

