

What Happens When Malindy Sings?

This activity accompanies “When Malindy Sings,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5072.

Activity Title: What Happens When Malindy Sings?

Description: The students will identify cause and effect in the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Cause and Effect

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will identify cause and effect in the poem

Materials:

- “When Malindy Sings” 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. Also, discuss how to identify cause and effect, use examples if necessary. Then, have the students work with a partner to find all of the effects of Malindy’s singing, in the poem. When the students are finished, review the effects they found as a class.

