

## What's Your Spring Fever?

This activity accompanies "Spring Fever," from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5207.

**Activity Title:** What's Your Spring Fever?

**Description:** The students will write a short story or poem about how they feel during springtime.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Writing

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will write a short story or poem about springtime.

**Materials:**

- "Spring Fever" poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Colored pencils, markers, crayons, etc.

**Procedures:**

Read the poem with the students, or have them listen to it on the Lit2Go website (website link listed above). Discuss with the students the main idea and dialect of the poem. Also, discuss with the students how the author feels about spring, his moping spell due to the April heat, and his spring fever. Next, have the students write a short story or poem about how they feel in the spring. For example, they could write about baseball season starting, spring break, spring cleaning, the weather warming up, etc. When the students are finished writing, have them illustrate their stories or poems and share them in small groups.

