

## Metaphors Enhancing Meaning

This activity accompanies “Love Despoiled,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5141.

**Activity Title:** Metaphors Enhancing Meaning

**Description:** The students will write about how the metaphors in the poem help to enhance its meaning.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Metaphors

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will explain how metaphors enhance the meaning of the poem.

**Materials:**

- “Love Despoiled” 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 what a metaphor is, and how it is used in poetry. Then, have the students work independently to write a short explanation about the metaphors presented in this poem, and how those metaphors enhance the meaning of the poem.

