

Seasonal Poems

This activity accompanies “Love’s Season,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5271.

Activity Title: Seasonal Poems

Description: The students will write a poem using the four seasons for the four stanzas of the poem, as the author does in his poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a poem using the four seasons for the four stanzas of the poem.

Materials:

- “Love’s Season” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Colored pencils, crayons, markers, etc.

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 write their own poems with four stanzas, one for each of the four seasons. Allow the students to write about any topic of their choosing, as long as there are seasonal descriptions in each stanza, as the author does in his poem. When the students are finished writing, have them illustrate their poems, and then share them with a partner.

