

## What Happens Next?

This activity accompanies “Parted,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5173.

**Activity Title:** What Happens Next?

**Description:** The students will write a poem or short story predicting what happens after the two characters are parted.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Predicting

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will write a prediction for what happens after the two characters are parted.

**Materials:**

- “Parted” 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 and dialect of the poem. Then, have the students think about what happens after the two characters in the poem have parted. Next, have the students work individually to write a poem or short story (in the same dialect if they wish) telling what happens to the two characters after they have parted. When the students are finished writing, have them share what they wrote with the class.

