

[Description: Typewritten copy of Paul Laurence Dunbar's two-stanza poem, "Morning," signed at the bottom of the poem by Dunbar. The poem appeared in the book *Lyrics of Sunshine and Shadow*.]

[text]

Morning.

The mist has left the greening plain,  
The dew-drop shines like fairy rain,  
The coquette Rose awakes, again  
    Her lovely self adorning.  
The wind is hiding in the trees,-  
A sighing, soothing, laughing tease  
Until the rose cries, "kiss me, pleas--  
    T'is morning, T'is morning!

With staff in hand and careless free,  
The wander fares right jauntily;  
For towns and houses are, thinks he  
    For scorning, for scorning.  
My soul is swift upon the wing  
And in its deeps a song I bring,  
Come, Love, and we together sing,  
    'T is morning, 't is morning!

[signature] Paul Laurence Dunbar

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