

Black Panther  
Langston Hughes

Pushed into the corner  
Of the hobnailed boot,  
Pushed into the corner of the  
“I-don’t-want-to-die cry,  
Pushed into the corner of  
“I don’t want to study war no more,”  
Changed into “Eye for eye,”

The Panther in his desperate boldness  
Wears no disguise,  
Motivated by the truest  
Of the oldest  
Lies.