

I, Too\* (1926)

Langston Hughes

I, too, sing America.

I am the darker brother.  
They send me to eat in the kitchen  
When company comes.  
But I laugh,  
And eat well,  
And grow strong.

To-morrow  
I'll sit at the table  
When company comes  
Nobody'll dare  
Say to me,  
"Eat in the kitchen"  
Then.

Besides, they'll see how beautiful I am  
And be ashamed, --  
I, too, am America

\* See Whitman, "I Sing America"