

Democracy
by Langston Hughes

**Democracy will not come
Today, this year
Nor ever
Through compromise and fear.**

**I have as much right
As the other fellow has
To stand
On my two feet
And own the land.**

**I tire so of hearing people say,
Let things take their course.
Tomorrow is another day.
I do not need my freedom when I'm dead.
I cannot live on tomorrow's bread.**

**Freedom
Is a strong seed
Planted
In a great need.**

**I live here, too.
I want freedom
Just as you.**

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