

**A Musical**  
**by Paul Lawrence Dunbar**

**Outside the rain upon the street,  
The sky all grim of hue,  
Inside, the music – painful sweet,  
And yet I heard but you.**

**As is a thrilling violin,  
So is your voice to me,  
And still above the other strains,  
It sang in ecstasy.**

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