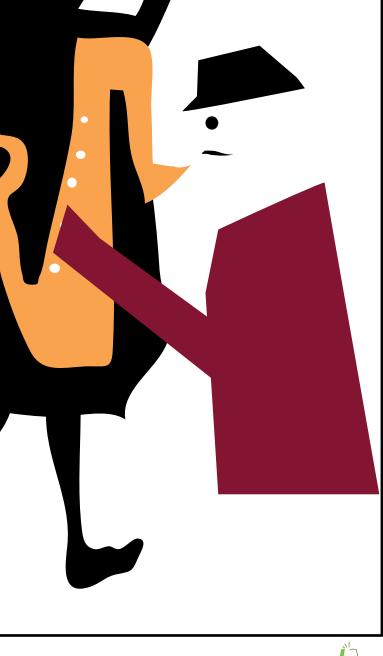
Langston Hughes

LAUGHERS

Dream-singers, Story-tellers, Dancers, Loud laughers in the hands of Fate -My people. Dish-washers, Elevator-boys, Ladies' maids, Crap-shooters, Cooks, Waiters, Jazzers, Nurses of babies, Loaders of ships, Rounders, Number writers, Comedians in vaudeville And band-men in circuses -Dream-singers all, -My people. Story-tellers all, -My people. Dancers -God! What dancers! Singers -God! What singers! Singers and dancers Dancers and laughers. Laughers? Yes, laughers ... laughers ... laughers -Loud-mouthed laughers in the hands Of Fate.





Response Questions

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• Hughes describes many different kinds of jobs in this poem. What do they all have in common?

• Hughes was known to love music, especially jazz. Write down three qualities that poetry shares with music.