**Aunt Sue's Stories**

by [*Langston Hughes*](http://www.poetrynook.com/poet/langston-hughes)

Aunt Sue has a head full of stories.   
Aunt Sue has a whole heart full of stories.   
Summer nights on the front porch   
Aunt Sue cuddles a brown-faced child to her bosom   
And tells him stories.   
  
Black slaves   
Working in the hot sun,   
And black slaves   
Walking in the dewy night,   
And black slaves   
Singing sorrow songs on the banks of a mighty river   
Mingle themselves softly   
In the flow of old Aunt Sue's voice,   
Mingle themselves softly   
In the dark shadows that cross and recross   
Aunt Sue's stories.   
  
And the dark-faced child, listening,   
Knows that Aunt Sue's stories are real stories.   
He knows that Aunt Sue never got her stories   
Out of any book at all,   
But that they came   
Right out of her own life.   
  
The dark-faced child is quiet   
Of a summer night   
Listening to Aunt Sue's stories.

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