

## **“I, Too”**

**By Langston Hughes**

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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.

10 Tomorrow,  
I'll be 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  
20 And be ashamed—

I, too, am America.