SC-320: “Dusky Sleep-Song” Sheet Music

Collection Number: SC-320

Title: “Dusky Sleep-Song” Sheet Music

Dates: 1922

Creator: Dunbar, Paul Laurence, 1872-1906

Summary/Abstract: The collection consists of sheet music for a single piece of music: “Dusky Sleep-Song,” with words by Paul Laurence Dunbar and music by Grace A. Hammon.

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.05 linear feet (1 item)

Language(s): English

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Arrangement: The arrangement consists of a single item.


**Biographical/Historical Note:**

Paul Laurence Dunbar was born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1872. He self-published his first book of poems, *Oak and Ivy* in 1893. He published several poetry books, novels, and short stories through conventional publishers, and he contributed song lyrics as well. He became one of the first African American poets to gain national recognition. His health deteriorated in 1898, and he died in 1906 in Dayton, Ohio, from tuberculosis.

Of Grace A. Hammon, little is known, but she seems to have lived in Pennsylvania.

**Scope and Content Note:**
The collection consists of sheet music for a single piece of music: “Dusky Sleep-Song,” with words by Paul Laurence Dunbar and music by Grace A. Hammon. The music was published in 1922 by Theodore Presser Co., 1712 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Subject Terms**

**Persons/Families**
- Dunbar, Paul Laurence, 1872-1906
- Hammon, Grace A.

**Material Types**
- Sheet music

**Collection Inventory**

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