**Cross**  Langston Hughes

My old man's a white old man   
And my old mother's black.   
If ever I cursed my white old man   
I take my curses back.

*5* If ever I cursed my black old mother   
And wished she were in hell,   
I'm sorry for that evil wish   
And now I wish her well.

My old man died in a fine big house.

*10* My ma died in a shack.   
I wonder where I'm gonna die,   
Being neither white nor black?

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