

# Democracy

Cause everything that hitler  
And mussolini do,  
Negroes get the same  
Treatment from you.

You jim crowed me  
Before hitler rose to power —  
And you're STILL jim crowing me  
Right now, this very hour.

You say we're fighting  
For democracy.  
Then why don't democracy  
Include me?

from "Beaumont to Detroit: 1943"  
by Langston Hughes, addressing  
America during World War II