



“Mother to Son” (99 Words: B)
Langston Hughes

Well, son, I'll tell you:

Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

It's had tacks in it,

And splinters,

And boards torn up,

And places with no carpet on the floor—

Bare.

But all the time

I've been a-climbin' on,

And reachin' landin's,

And turnin' corners,

And sometimes goin' in the dark,

Where there ain't been no light.

So, boy, don't you turn back.

Don't you set down on the steps,

'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.

Don't you fall now—

For I've still goin', honey,

I've still climbin',

And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

Commented [OG1]: Literal: its mean that her life hasn't been a crystal stairs.
Symbolic: its means that she has had a tough life, she been in many rough situations. Her life hasn't been beautiful like a crystal.

Commented [OG2]: Literal: its means you going up a stair when its dark.

Symbolic: its means life has dark sides sometime, life is full of up surprises like the darkness you never know what's it going to bring. But even in a rough situation you still have keep going no matter what because there always light at the end.

Commented [OG3]: Literal: its means don't sit on the step of the stairs.

Symbolic: its means even if life its tough don't let that get to you and then you give up. You have to keep going without stopping until you get where you want to be because if you rest you never going to be successful and you never going to reach yours goals.