

## Those Winter Sundays

by Robert Hayden

Sundays too my father got up early  
and put his clothes on in the blueblack cold,  
then with cracked hands that ached  
from labor in the weekday weather made  
banked fires blaze. No one ever thanked him.

I'd wake and hear the cold splintering, breaking.  
When the rooms were warm, he'd call,  
and slowly I would rise and dress,  
fearing the chronic angers of that house,

Speaking indifferently to him,  
who had driven out the cold  
and polished my good shoes as well.  
What did I know, what did I know  
of love's austere and lonely offices?

Read "Those Winter Sundays" by Robert Hayden.

In your Composition Notebook, say *thank you* to someone who has made a sacrifice for you. Elaborate by explaining why you appreciate his or her efforts.

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Read "A Worn Path" by Eudora Welty (p. 758)

1. What is the setting (time AND place)?
2. What can we infer about the main character and her life? What could the significance of her name be? (Answer this after reading.)
3. What does Phoenix mean when she tells the hunter, "No, sir, I seen plenty go off closer by, in my day, and for less than what I done" (763)?
4. How is Phoenix treated by other characters in the story?
5. The story mentions that education is a lost dream of Phoenix's. Why didn't she ever get one?
6. What is the purpose of her mission? How is the title of the story a metaphor?
7. What are the different connotations of the word "charity" in the story?
8. A major subject of "A Worn Path" is \_\_\_\_\_. What does the reader learn about that subject through this story?

