

# Sunrise

*By Amanda Green*

Grabbed me by both my shoulders  
and shook me up  
“Wake up your eyes, girl!”  
Asked me  
who was Zora Neale Hurston  
did I know her?  
Or Garvey? Had I even *heard* of Mr. Garvey?  
Handed me a textbook with brown faces  
and black faces  
and yellow faces  
and said to me  
    this is a real big world, girl  
    so you best not fall asleep again