

TAKE YOUR POET TO WORK DAY

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Maya Angelou



*I long, as does every human being,
to be at home
wherever I find myself*

Dr. Maya Angelou was born in 1928 in St. Louis, Missouri. As a result of a childhood rape and subsequent murder of the rapist by her uncle, Dr. Angelou stopped talking for several years. Her autobiography, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, chronicles her life during these years. The book was the first non-fiction work by a black woman to reach best-seller status.

Dr. Angelou went on to work as a Tony and Emmy award-winning actress, a director, and a civil rights activist. She published several other autobiographies and several poetry collections, including the Pulitzer-nominated *Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'Fore I Die*.

She recited the poem, "On the Pulse of Morning" at Bill Clinton's 1993 presidential inauguration. Dr. Angelou died in 2014 following several years of health issues.

Want to take your favorite poet to work for Take Your Poet to Work Day?

1. Color your poet
2. Cut out your poet along dotted lines
3. Attach a popsicle stick to the back of your poet with tape or glue
4. Take your poet to work as shown



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