

SUNNY REACH*

“Here comes the sun,” quotes Zora Neale.
“Let children run and jump!”
They might not reach that solar wheel
but they’ll have left their slump.

A sunrise means a brand-new day,
another chance to soar,
new friends to meet, new games to play,
a space for learning more.

Ms. Hurston took her mother’s phrase
and lived the truth it told.
She leapt in heart to higher ways
and left the common mold.

No child is meant to follow suit,
when paths unique abound.
The sunshine shows arrays of fruit
to jump for off the ground.

— *David L. Hatton, 1/13/2020*

**[Inspired by Zora Neale Hurston’s quote of her mother’s words: “Mama exhorted her children at every opportunity to ‘jump at the sun.’ We might not land on the sun, but at least we would get off the ground.”]*