



# Spoken Word Poetry Worksheet

**Instructions: Write a journal entry that responds to a line in Naomi Long Madgett's Midway poem.**

**Midway (1959) by Naomi Long Madgett:**

I've come this far to freedom and I won't turn back  
I'm climbing to the highway from my old dirt track  
    I'm coming and I'm going  
    And I'm stretching and I'm growing  
And I'll reap what I've been sowing or my skin's not black  
I've prayed and slaved and waited and I've sung my song  
You've bled me and you've starved me but I've still grown strong  
    You've lashed me and you've treed me  
    And you've everything but freed me  
But in time you'll know you need me and it won't be long.  
I've seen the daylight breaking high above the bough  
I've found my destination and I've made my vow;  
    So whether you abhor me  
    Or deride me or ignore me  
Mighty mountains loom before me and I won't stop now.

**Select a line from this poem and rewrite it below:**

