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Miss Catherine Jones  
Bennington College  
Bennington, Vt.

My dear Miss Jones,

Mr. Irving Fineman says that I am to write you whether I can come up and speak for you in June and gave me a choice of two dates. I can come on the earlier date, June 6. And I shall be there by Thursday afternoon at 2 oclock.

I shall speak on "The Negro In American Life" with emphasis on music and dance phases.

Now autobiographical. I am 32 years old. Born at Eatonville. Florida. The first incorporated Negro town in America. Grammer school there. High School at Morgan Academy Baltimore, Md. Freshman and Sophmore years at Howard Univ. at Washington, D.C. Bachelor's degree at Barnard College. Received a fellowship in Anthropology on graduation in 1928 and did re-search in the south for three years. Been published by the scientific societies. (Am. Folk-lore Journal and Ethnological) Belong to Am. Folk-lore Soc. Eth. Soc. Anthro. Ass. Wrote "Jonah's Gourd Vine" in Florida in 1933 and finished "Mules and Men" which will be off the press in Sept. Third book which ~~is xian tax~~ I am calling for the present "The Delegate to Life" which is half done but already accepted. Publisher, The J.B. Lippincott Co. of Philadelphia. Received a Rosenwald fellowship this past fall to work on my doctor's degree at Columbia, but I am resigning from it in June. Feeling that my spirit is cramped. Sort of like a poor relation on a pension. Have done concert work in Negro folk-music in New York, Chicago, St. Louis and Florida. Too detailed to say any more about it.

I know that the above is enough detail to suit any one. So that is all. Let me thank you some more for asking me, wont you? I am so glad to come and see you all.

Sincerely,

*Zora Neale Hurston*  
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