

Black Panther
Langston Hughes

Pushed into the corner
Of the hobnailed boot,
Pushed into the corner of the
“I-don’t-want-to-die cry,
Pushed into the corner of
“I don’t want to study war no more,”
Changed into “Eye for eye,”

The Panther in his desperate boldness
Wears no disguise,
Motivated by the truest
Of the oldest
Lies.