

Poetry

(after the murder,
after the burial)
Emmett's mother is a
pretty-faced thing;
the tint of pulled
taffy.
She sits in a red
room,
drinking black
coffee.
She kisses her
killed boy.
And she is sorry.
Chaos in windy grays
through a red
prairie.

The Last Quatrain of the
Ballad of Emmett Till
by Gwendolyn Elizabeth
Brooks

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Oct. 2, 2025–Jan. 4, 2026
Tuesday – Saturday
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Secondary Sources

Thousands of
people came to
view Emmett's
body at his
open-casket
funeral.
However, it was
the photos
published by Jet
Magazine that
spread the image
across the
world.*

Founded by Arkansas
John H. Johnson

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to see the
digitized article
on the Internet
Archive.

*Contains violent imagery.
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Emmett Till & Mamie Till-Mobley
Let the World See

Primary Sources

Eyewitness
account of
Emmett's
cousin,
Wheeler Parker,
on the night
Emmett was
kidnapped:

Before:



Video interview
of Mamie Till,
describing her
experience
viewing her
son's body at
the funeral
home:

After:



- Emmett Till
- JUL 25, 1941–
AUG 28, 1955
 - Family
Jokester



- Mamie Till-Mobley
- Novs 23, 1921–Jan 6, 2003
 - Great Migrator
from Mississippi

Growing Up in Chicago

Emmett grew up alongside family & friends on the South Side. Even though there was racism, his mother Mamie said Emmett never faced it. This was a huge contrast to Mississippi, where laws only protected white citizens, and Black people were punished for anything deemed disrespectful.

“Oh Mama, it can't be
that bad.”

“Emmett, it's worse
than that.”

After being accused of whistling at a white woman, Carolyn Bryant, in her family's grocery store, 14-year-old Emmett Till was abducted and killed – his body dumped in the Tallahatchie River.

**Murdered for
Whistling**

- Secondary Sources**
- Primary Source–**
Materials and personal
accounts made at the
time of an event to
document it, made by
the people present.
EX: Diaries, interviews
 - Secondary Source–**
Documents, books and
articles made after
the event to reference
and analyze primary
sources.
EX: Magazines, textbooks