

Elegy for Vivian White

She was *Life's* valentine; so audacious
In *Faith*. Unbelievably vivacious:
Vivid, her heart; her works, charitable:
Her example made Heaven visible.
She had *Beauty* because she had *Virtue*—
Plus intellectual *Grace*. Viable dew,
Her smile refreshed, revitalized. View
Her bio: *Love* was viral. She held true
In aims and effects. Virile in *soul-force*,
Stalwart in *Struggle*, violent—of course—
In loathing *Evil*, but valiant, able,
Validating Christ's every syllable,
Virtuoso at nurturing, Ms. White,
Vivian, now brightens *Eternal Light*.

-- George Elliott Clarke
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