

The Louise Meriwether Way

You were an activist
put your life on the line
You were an activist
in the ugliest of times

You were an activist
with an activist's voice
You were a visionary
who gave us choice

You told our stories
uprooted the lies
With a knowledge of history
you did not compromise

You did not let Styron and Hollywood
disfigure Nat
Warrior woman came at them
with a team and a bat

You fought for your country
in warrior's gear
You damned apartheid
and had no fear

You worked for the Navy and CORE
and fought the KKK
You paved a path
and did it your way

Dr. Daniel Hale Davis
was on your list
His contribution to medical history
you would not let us miss

You made the walls crumble
when you spoke the word
You organized and strategized
and the powers that be - heard

You meditated and prayed
gave us *Fragments of the Ark*
showed us another perspective
took us out of the dark

Daddy Was A Number Runner

was a story untold
It is a part of your legacy
It lives in our soul

At 96
you did not retire
At 100
you are still on fire

In a league of your own
You sit on your throne
Your pen was your sword
Your deeds we applaud

Your words we heed
taught us how to succeed
For you define activism
courage, power, and bravery
You, as Tubman, took us
out of the depths of mental slavery

We thank you this day
for the Louise Meriwether Way