

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays: ***“Just A Minute”***



**I've only just a minute,
Only sixty seconds in it.**

**Forced upon me, can't refuse it,
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,
But it's up to me to use it.**

**I must suffer if I lose it,
Give an account if I abuse it,
Just a tiny little minute,
But eternity is in it.**

Benjamin Elijah Mays was an American Baptist minister, activist, humanitarian, and leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement. Andrew Young said if there hadn't been a Benjamin Mays there wouldn't have been a Martin Luther King.

Quotes from Dr. Mayes

It must be borne in mind that the tragedy of life does not lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy of life lies in having no goal to reach.

Every man and woman is born into the world to do something unique and something distinctive and if he or she does not do it, it will never be done.

It isn't a calamity to die with dreams unfulfilled, but it is a calamity not to dream.

It isn't a disgrace not to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for.

Not failure, but low aim is sin.

Born: August 1, 1894

Died: March 28, 1984

Education

Bates College, South Carolina State University, Virginia Union University, University of Chicago, Dillard University

Books

Born to Rebel 1971

The Negro's Church 1933

The Negro's God, as reflected in his literature 1938

Seeking to be Christian in race relations 1946