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# SAY WHAT

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**BRAVE NEW VOICES:**

*Words from the  
Teen Poetry Slam*

*The Dude—Dave Eg*

**REMEMBERING  
EWENDOLYN BROOKS**

*No Child  
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