

# The Mississippi Poetry Podcast Supplement

## Ep. 10: Treasure Shields Redmond

**1. Listen (15 minutes).** Play *The Mississippi Poetry Podcast w/ Treasure Shields Redmond*

**2. Write (10-25 minutes, as time allows)**

Materials Needed:

notebook, pen/pencil

Writing Exercise: Persona Poem

In her interview, Treasure Shields Redmond shares a persona poem—a poem written from the point of view of someone other than the poet. In Redmond’s poem, the speaker is real-life activist Fannie Lou Hamer, but persona poems can also be written from the perspective of fictional characters, or even of objects or concepts. Invite participants to write a poem from the perspective of one of the following: a kind of weather (a hurricane; a heatwave); a kind of plant (kudzu; a rose bush; a tall pine tree); or a place they know (New Orleans; Jackson; their grandmother’s front porch). What would this speaker want to say? Would they sound fierce or loving, timid or emphatic? Encourage participants to have fun developing this voice.

**3. Share (5-10 minutes)**

If time and comfort levels allow, invite participants to share their poems!

**Related Materials:**

Treasure Shields Redmond’s website: [femininepronoun.com](http://femininepronoun.com)

Fannie Lou Hamer Wikipedia page: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fannie\\_Lou\\_Hamer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fannie_Lou_Hamer)

Explanation of the kwansaba form: [bit.ly/3TwiPuM](http://bit.ly/3TwiPuM)

Fannie Lou Hamer House retreat info: [femininepronoun.com/reserve-space-at-fannie-lou-hamer-house/](http://femininepronoun.com/reserve-space-at-fannie-lou-hamer-house/)

