

## CULTURE & HISTORY

# won't you celebrate with me, by Lucille Clifton

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won't you celebrate with me  
what i have shaped into  
a kind of life? i had no model.  
born in babylon both nonwhite and woman  
what did i see to be except myself?  
i made it up  
here on this bridge between  
starshine and clay, my one hand holding tight  
my other hand; come celebrate  
with me that everyday  
something has tried to kill me  
and has failed.