



# Una Marson



## **Birth:**

Born in 1905, in Jamaica.

## **Early Years:**

In 1928, she became Jamaica's first female editor, and published her own magazine, *The Cosmopolitan*. In 1930, Una Marson wrote a feminist poetry collection which won the Musgrave Medal from the Institute of Jamaica. In 1932, she moved to **Peckham**.

**"Black girl –what a burden– But  
your shoulders are broad.....**

**– Poem by Una Marson**

## **Achievements:**

In London, Una Marson was commissioned by the BBC to produce a radio programme, which became **Caribbean Voices**, a forum in which Caribbean literary work was read over the radio. This featured prominent writers such as Derek Walcott, V.S. Naipaul and Samuel Selvon. In addition, Marson continued to write poems and prose, often addressing feminism or race, that were featured in several newspapers and international journals. She was also heavily involved with the London branch of the **International Alliance of Women**, a global feminist organisation.

## **Death:**

Marson died in 1965, in Jamaica.