Dream Deferred
by Langston Hughes

What happens to a dream deferred?
Does it dry up
Like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore -
And then run?
Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over -
Like a syrupy sweet?

Maybe it just sags
Like a heavy load.

*Or does it explode?*

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Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die,
Life is a broken-winged bird
That can not fly.

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go,
Life is a barren field
Frozen in the snow.