



Dreams
by
Langston Hughes

1. Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.
5. Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

Analysis Questions (USE SEPARATE PAPER)

1. Mark the end rhyme pattern, using A, B, C etc.
2. Two lines contain metaphors – which are they?
3. What ideas are being conveyed by these metaphors?
4. What is the theme of the poem?
5. React – do you agree or disagree AND why.

Dream Deferred
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1. *Harlem*

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?
10. Maybe it just sags
like a heavy load.
Or does it explode?

Analysis Questions (USE SEPARATE PAPER)

1. Mark the end rhyme using A,B,C etc.
2. Which lines contain alliteration? What letters are alliterated?
3. There are 5 similes used. Find them and write them on your paper.
4. What do you think the last line is implying?
5. What is the theme of the poem?

