



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?
- Maybe it just sags  
like a heavy load.
- Or does it explode?*
- 5.
  - 10.

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?

