**“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?**

**Langston Hughes**