**“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**