

## A Dream Deferred

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

## Short Responses 3-5 Sentences

In Langston Hughes' poem we see what Hughes believes happens to a dream deferred.

- What dreams has Troy deferred?
- How were they deferred?
- How do you think this will turn out?
- Is Troy forcing Cory to defer his own dreams?

