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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

