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**Poetry assignment part one:** *Dream Deferred*

The poem *Dream Deferred* was written by the famous poet Langston Hughes, this poem was the inspiration for Lorraine Hansberry’s classic play *A Raisin in the Sun*. The topic of this poem is dream, not the one that occurs in mind while we are sleeping but the one that carry our goals, the life that we are eager for, the person that we want to be and the great things that we hope to do. In this poem, Langston Hughes remind people not to forget their dreams by asking questions about those dreams that we ignored or postponed.

Langston Hughes wonders what happens to a dream deferred. The first question is does the deferred dreams dry up, like a raisin in the sun? The dream was like fresh grapes at the beginning, it gradually lost their moisture and water inside under the sunshine. After a while, the fresh grapes become the raisins, it does taste good but not quite as grapes anymore. The raisins are supposed to be dry but dreams are not.

The second question, if the dreams fester like a sore. Fester happens when we have an open wound but didn’t heal in time. The dream that we deferred just like the wound that we haven’t heal but ignored and force our thought stay away from it.

Does the dream stink like rotten meat? What happens if we put meat outside too long? It rots and smells like a dead body. We won’t keep a meat like this, we throw it away. Some dreams are just like a rotting meat, we delayed too long and it no longer smells as good as beginning so we simply throw it away.

Or does it crust and sugar over, like a syrupy sweet? When we open a honey or a can of sugar but we didn’t preserve it properly, they crust and sugar over. Dreams are sweet as sugar. When we keep a sugar too long and didn’t preserve in right way, it becomes sticky. We hesitate to pick it up.

Maybe the dream just like a sag, something heavy. Something that too much for our body or mind to hold. Will the dream explode? Like a firework. Maybe there are too much pressure on it. The firework finally explode in the air, we see the breathless fireworks in seconds and it then disappears forever.