**Harlem**

By [Langston Hughes](https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/langston-hughes)

What happens to a dream deferred?

      Does it dry up

      like a raisin in the sun?

      Or fester like a sore—

      And then run?

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Please find the rest of the poem in the internet or an anthology and read the rest of the poem. Read at least three times and provide following information for the poem:

Persona:

Tone:

Mood:

Figures of Speech:

Most striking images:

Meter/ Rhyme Pattern:

Notes/Questions for You

This poem is also known with the title “Dream Deferred”. The title “Harlem” sets the context of the poem better as the dream mentioned is not the concept of dream in general but it refers to the black people’s dream of being free and equal.

Focus on the images in the poem. Are there any images positive among the metaphors that are equivalents of the dream deferred?

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This is a short poem. Would it have been more or less effective if it were longer?

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