**Dreams**

Hold fast to dreams  
For if [dreams die](http://www.poemhunter.com/poem/dreams-2/)  
Life is a broken-winged bird  
That cannot fly.  
Hold fast to dreams  
For when dreams go  
[Life](http://www.poemhunter.com/poem/dreams-2/) is a barren field  
Frozen with snow.

**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?

1. When do you think the poems were written and why?

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1. How are the themes different in both poems?

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1. To which Poetic movement do both poems belong?

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