

Harlem

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1 What happens to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up
like a raisin in the sun?

5 Or fester like a sore—
And then run?

Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over—
like a syrupy sweet?

10 Maybe it just sags
like a heavy load.

Or does it explode?