A Dream Deferred

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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?

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|  | **Comparison** | **Action** | **Image/Feeling Created** |
| A dream deferred is like | A raisin in the sun | Dried up | Dead, shriveled, withered |
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