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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?

