

“Dreams” by [Langston Hughes](#)

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

Discussion Guide Questions:

1. How many stanzas does the poem feature?
2. What is the rhyme scheme?
3. What is the theme of the poem?
4. What are the two metaphors in the poem?
5. What is the tone of the poem?
6. What are the connotative meanings of “broken-winged,” “barren,” and “frozen”?
7. Where is the repetition in the poem and what is its effect?
8. How does the first stanza parallel the second stanza?