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Langston Hughes
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*Image that connects to
"Dreams"*

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*Explanation of the
image*

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The main idea of the poem is to follow your dreams and don't give up. If you don't follow your dreams you are like a bird with a broken wing in that you are not doing one of the things that you are created to do which is to dream.

Continuing explanation

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You will notice that the picture has a bird flapping its wings. I did not choose a picture with a bird sitting on the ground or in a tree. This is because a bird that is flapping its wings suggests that flying takes effort. Just like flying, following your dreams also takes lots of work and effort.

*Metaphors in the poem
"Dreams"*

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The first metaphor that the poem uses is "Life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly." This use of a metaphor is good because it helps the reader see what it means to have a dream die. It does not necessarily mean that the person will die in real life. What it is saying is that without dreams we will be unhappy and stuck, much like a bird that is alive but cannot fly.

Metaphor continued

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The author uses a second metaphor that says much the same thing as the first, but has a little bit of a different message.

Just like the first metaphor, the line "Life is a barren field frozen with snow" says that someone who does not have any dreams will be unhappy. However, the reason is different.

*Metaphors one more
time*

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The first metaphor with the bird paints the picture of someone or something that is stuck and unhappy. The second one, with "a barren field," paints the picture of someone or something that is not giving anything to his or its community.

In conclusion, both metaphors show how not following your dreams can be bad. However, they focus on different parts of not following your dreams.