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.

~ Langston Hughes

What do you believe this poem is about?

What does it say to you?
1. What is the message of this poem?

2. How does this poem connect to Harriet Tubman?

3. What is the tone of the poem?

4. Compare and contrast the tone of the two different stanzas. Cite evidence to support your response.

5. Identify figurative language in the poem. How does the figurative language enhance the overall idea or message of the poem? Cite evidence to explain your answer.

6. What is the theme of the poem? What words or lines develop the theme? Cite evidence to explain your response.