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Find the Metaphors

Dreams

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

1. What is the first metaphor in this poem? What two things are being compared?

2. What is the meaning of the metaphor?

3. What is the second metaphor in this poem? What two things are being compared?

4. What is the meaning of this metaphor?

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Making Metaphors

A **metaphor** moves one step further than similes. A metaphor, unlike a simile, does not use “like” or “as” to make a comparison. Instead, a metaphor takes the form of a direct statement. Here are some examples of metaphors:

He is a snake.

She was peaches and cream.

All the world's a stage.

The night has a thousand eyes.

Love is a bridge.

Winter has a white coat.

Write some original metaphors to complete each of these.

1. Happiness is

4. Loneliness is

2. Fear is

5. Embarrassment is

3. Love is

6. Courage is



Happiness is . . .

a warm bed.