## 2025-12-03 Meditation for Wednesday in the First Week of Advent is now available at: <a href="https://pgimf.org/meditations/">https://pgimf.org/meditations/</a>

Theme song (7<sup>th</sup>-century hymn):

Creator of the stars of night Your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, We pray you hear us when we call

In sorrow that the ancient curse Should doom to death a universe . . . .

## **Harlem** (1951)

Poem: Langston Hughes (1901-1961)

Reader: Langston Hughes: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujbtBEhXtEc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujbtBEhXtEc</a>

- 1 What happens to a dream deferred?
- 2 Does it dry up
- 3 like a raisin in the sun?
- 4 Or fester like a sore—
- 5 And then run?
- 6 Does it stink like rotten meat?
- 7 Or crust and sugar over—
- 8 like a syrupy sweet?
- 9 Maybe it just sags
- like a heavy load.
- 11 *Or does it explode?*

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