As I Grew Older, by Langston Hughes

LOTS and HOTS

1. Who is the speaker in the poem?

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2. What happened to the speaker as he grew older?

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3. What do you think the speaker's dream is? _____

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4. What do the speaker's hands do? Why are they described as dark? _____

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5. There are several words that are repeated in the poem. Write them down.

   Why do you think there is repetition in the poem? _____

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6. Is the poem optimistic, pessimistic or both? Explain. _____

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7. What do light and darkness symbolize in the poem? _____

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8. What does the wall symbolize? _____

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