

As I Grew Older, by Langston Hughes

LOTS and HOTS

1. Who is the speaker in the poem?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. What does the wall symbolize? _____
