

## Dust of Snow

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Q1) What is a "dust of snow"? What does the poet say has changed his mood? How has the poet's mood changed?

Ans) The 'dust of snow' means the fine particles or flakes of snow. The sudden shower in the form of dust of snow changed the poet's mood. He felt refreshed and wanted to enjoy the rest of the day.

Q2) Explain the Paradox in the title.

Ans) Dust usually calls forth notions of something dirty and unpleasant. But in the title (Dust of Snow) it has been used for pure white 'small particles of snow'. ~~Answer~~



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Q3) The poem 'Fog and Ice' carries with it very deep thematic ideas. Elaborate on these darker traits of humanity.

Ans) Frost presents the two of the darkest traits of humanity; the capacity to hate and the capacity to be consumed by lust or desire. Of the two, he attributes the greater of the two evils, by 'is desire'. In giving desire the foremost position with regard to the destruction of the world, Frost is providing a powerful statement on the subject of greed and jealousy. Desire represents the greatest problem that attributes to the cause of the war. Frost then attributes hatred with the same capacity to do harm. However, he lessens the relative importance of hatred but still presents it as having the ability to lead to the destruction of the world if it were to happen for a second time.



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- 1) Has given my heart  
A change of mood  
And saved some part  
Of a day I had rued



Q1) What change of mood is being referred to?

Ans) Unexpected falling of the snow particles (dust of snow) on his head, had lifted his pensive mood immediately.

The poet felt refreshed and thanked nature for saving his day from being wasted.

Q2) Who saved some part of the poet's day? And how?

Ans) The supposedly 'inauspicious' crow and the 'poisonous' hemlock tree, bring joy and happiness to the poet. The simple and apparently ordinary act of the falling of snow particles from the snow covered tree-top, brightens up the poet's gloomy mood.





### Extrapolative Question

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Q.) What is the message that the poet wishes to the readers through the poem, 'Dust of Snow'?

Ans.) Robert Frost wishes to give a positive message to the readers. Even the most simple and ordinary things of life hold significance. The ordinary act of the falling of snow particles on the poet lifted his pensive mood almost instantly. Also, the foreboding Crow and the poisonous hemlock, though negative references, are harbingers of joy in the poem.