

DUST OF SNOW

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Glossary

hemlock : A poisonous plant with small white flowers.
rued : held in regret.

1. 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 is a collection of minute particles of snow. The poet says that the dust of snow from the hemlock tree changed his mood. Before the dust of snow fell on the poet, he was in a sad mood. The dust of snow resulted in a change of his mood. He became happy. He was thankful to the mood-changing dust of snow.

2. How does frost present nature in this poem? The following questions may help you to think of an answer.

(i) What are the birds that are usually named in poems? Do you think a Crow is often mentioned in poems? What images come to your mind when you think of a Crow?

(ii) Again, what is "a hemlock tree"? Why doesn't the poet write about a more 'beautiful' tree such as a maple, or

an oak, or a pine?

(iii) what do the 'Crow' and 'hemlock' represent joy or sorrow? what does the dust of snow that the Crow shakes off a hemlock tree stand for?

Ans: Frost treads 'the road not taken' mobs. He loves nature. He presents nature here in an original perspective. The Crow is regarded as an ugly and ominous bird. The hemlock is a poisonous tree. The dust of snow is cold and not warm yet, frost uses these elements of nature in unison as those that bring in cheer to the till then sorrowful speaker. The poet's courage and variety are admirable.

3. Have there been times when you felt depressed or hopeless? Have you experienced a similar moment that changed your mood that day?

Ans: yes, I too was low quite a number of times. And a small sight then filled my heart with thrill and the sad mood said goodbye. One of such cheering infusing sights is a young calf, with its tail high in the air, galloping along our compound wall. yes, joy unlimited greets me whenever I recollect that sight and see that calf in my mind's eye.