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## **A Journey of Life: A Study on Selective Poems of Robert Frost**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The poetry of United States known as American poetry. American colonists took efforts to develop English poetry in the 17th century. Robert Lee Frost is one of the eminent American poet who belonged to this period. In this article, the researcher is going to analyse how Robert Frost's poems influenced his life. The early 20th century had many eminent poets like HW Longfellow, Walt Whitman, Henry David Thoreau, James Russell Lowell, Robert Frost and Sylvia Plath. In this Journal we are going to discuss some poems of Robert Frost. The article explains Robert Frost's life from his poetry journey. Three poems of Robert Frost has been observed and analysed and Finally, with his life. Finally, his ideology has been brought out.

Keywords: Robert Frost, less travelled path, desire and hatred, destination of the journey, achieving goals.

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### **Introduction**

Robert Frost stand out is his typical style and form. His poetry style could be described as conversational, realistic, rural, and introspective. In this way, he wrote many unique poems like "Acquainted with the Night", "After Apple – Picking", "Birches", "Desert places", etc., All these poems express, how Robert Frost chosen a path, how he had traveled on it and how he reached his destination. Here we are going to observe and analyse the poems "Road Not Taken", "Fire and Ice" and "Stopping by Woods in the Snowy Evening".

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### **Observation**

"I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-  
I took the one less travelled by,  
And that has made all the difference." (9)

In "Road Not Taken", the poet explains about his decision making on his life. He got two options to move, but he must choose one. In this diverged path, one path is used by many people and the other one is used by very less people. Because, one path is with many footprints of the people who travelled already in that path, but the other one is fresh, covered with flowers and he could see very few travelled in this path. When he wanted to choose one, he chosen the second one. Because, the less travelled path has made all the difference in life.

"Some say the world will end in fire,  
Some say in ice.  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favor fire.  
But if it had to perish twice,  
I think I know enough of hate  
To say that for destruction ice  
Is also great  
And would suffice." (80)

In this poem "Fire and Ice", the poet tells that there are two ways of destruction will happen in the world. That is by, Fire and Ice. Similarly, the desire and the hatred are two ways of destruction in human life. The poet gives importance to the both desire and hatred. He says he prefers the desire. If he gets one more choice, he will opt hatred also. Therefore, the humanity has to accept both the desire and hatred in their journey of

life.

“The woods are lovely, dark and deep.  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.” (87)

In this poem “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening”, the journey of the author is stopped because of the forest, a frozen lake surrounded him and the longest night of the year. And the sound he could hear is the ringing of the bells, the wind and the falling snow flakes. Due to this the poet could feel loveliness, darkness and deepness. This made the poet to spend sometime there. But he supposed to travel to reach his destination. The poet realized that he may get some distraction and inconvenience in his journey but he has to overcome it to reach his goal.

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### **A Study on Journey of Life**

Robert Frost is a unique poet, whose uniqueness lies approach in his life also. These three poems gives Frost’s view on life. “Road Not Taken” tells his decision making. He decided the fresh and least travelled path. This path has given a turning point in his life. From “Fire and Ice”, he depicts the desire and hatred as fire and ice. In this poem, Frost is always willing to accept both desire and hatred. Because, both will lead to the destruction in life. And then, in “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening”, he got a distraction in his journey. He is looking at all distractions. But in one point, Robert Frost is thinking about his destination, and he realizes that, he should not stop his journey until he reaches his destination and goal.

From these poems, one can get some ideas to achieve their destination. From the first poem, a person can learn to choose a unique path. From the second one, one should accept the emotions of life and should know to balance it also. The last poem teaches that, one should not give up in any situations of life to fulfil the journey and to achieve the goals.

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### **Conclusion**

The researcher concludes the article by stating that, the poems are not just the imaginations of the poets. These are the reflections of their life. In real life, Frost got many failures and disappointment. However, he never stopped his journey until he reached his destination. Likewise, people should achieve their goals and fulfil their journey of life.

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