

The Road Not Taken

By Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,
And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

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 traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

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Grade 9 Reading Comprehension

Comprehension Questions

Annotate the passage to show me where you found the answer to each question.

1. What is the extended metaphor in this poem?
2. On what basis does the speaker choose his path?
3. What do you think is the theme or main message of this poem?
4. Is the speaker satisfied with his choice? How do you know?
5. Why do you think the poem is called The Road Not Taken instead of The Road Less Traveled?