

# FIRST FLIGHT

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**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**

**CHAPTER NUMBER: 1**

**CHAPTER NAME : DUST OF SNOW**

**By Robert Frost**

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**CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW**

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# ABOUT THE POET

Born	Robert Lee Frost March 26, 1874 <a href="#">San Francisco, California</a> , US
Died	January 29, 1963 (aged 88) <a href="#">Boston, Massachusetts</a> , US
Occupation	Poet, playwright
Alma mater	<a href="#">Dartmouth College</a> (no degree) <a href="#">Harvard University</a> (no degree)
Notable works	<a href="#">A Boy's Will</a> , <a href="#">North of Boston</a> <sup>[1]</sup>
Notable awards	<a href="#">Pulitzer Prize for Poetry</a> , <a href="#">Congressional Gold Medal</a>
Spouse	Elinor Miriam White  (m. 1895; died 1938)
Children	6



Robert Lee Frost was born on 26 March 1874 in San Francisco, United States. He was an American poet. His work was initially published in England before it was published in America. He is admired for his descriptions of rural life of New England. He is called American Wordsworth. He depicts nature accurately.

# RECAPITULATION



## Dust of Snow

The way a crow  
Shook down on me  
The dust of snow  
From a hemlock tree.

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

~Robert Frost

1. What is a 'dust of snow'?
2. The poet was in a \_\_\_\_\_ mood.
3. Under which tree was the poet standing?
4. What fell on the poet?

# SETTING, TONE 7 SYMBOLISM



## THE SETTING OF THE POEM

- On a wintry day

## THE TONE OF THE POEM

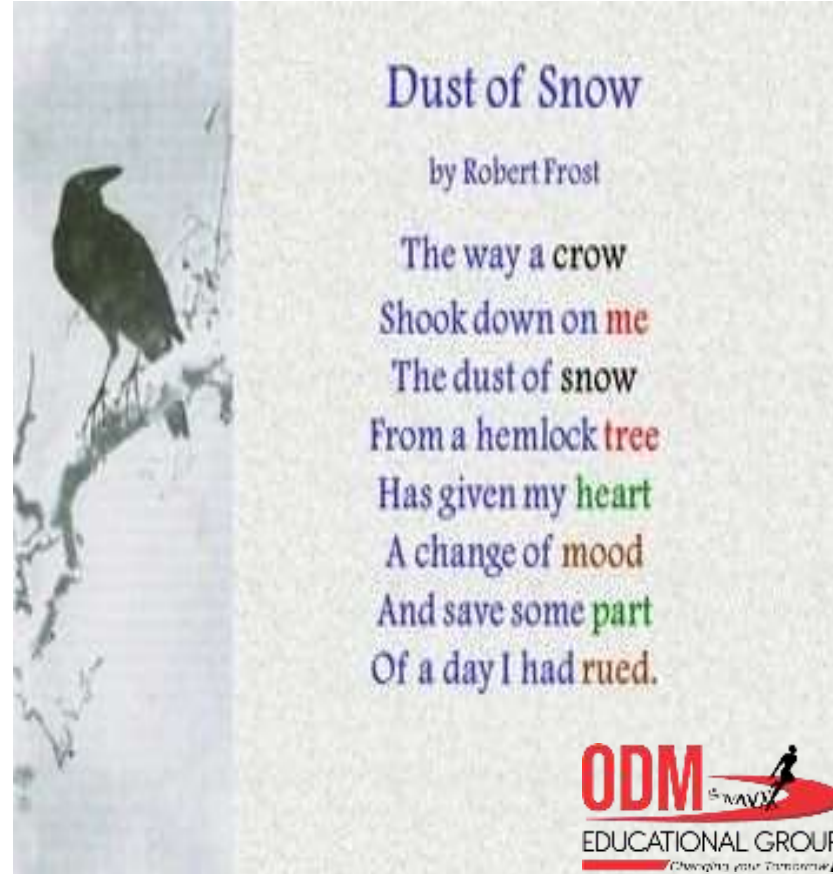
- From pessimism to optimism

## SYMBOLISM

- The use of symbols to represent ideas, especially in literature/ a person, an object that represents a more general quality or a situation.
- Crow stands for- bad omen/inauspicious
- Snow stands for- degeneration/passivity
- Hemlock tree stands for- death/ poison

## STANZA 1: The way the crow.....hemlock tree

In this stanza the poet recounts a small incident on a winter day. The poet was standing under a hemlock tree. The top of the tree was covered with snow. The poet was in a state of depression and sorrow. He was lost in his own thoughts. Suddenly a crow perched on the top of the tree. The sudden movement of the crow made the dust of snow fall down. The shower of the snow flakes from the hemlock tree is evidently the subject matter of this poem, since it touched the poet in some way.



## STANZA 2: Has given....had rued

The falling of fine dust of snow on him gladdens his heart. A change comes into his mood. His mood brightens all off a sudden. He has given up all his hopes. But now cheerfulness replaces the sense of regret. It makes him feel that say has not been a complete waste. Atleast a part of the day has been saved since it gives him a new experience. Finally the dust of snow cheers his dejected mood sad heart.





# VOCABULARY

- Dust of snow: fine particles of snow.
- Hemlock tree: a poisonous tree or plant with small white flowers(North American Conifers)
- Way: manner
- Shook down: shook the snow dust down
- A change of mood: change in the present condition of mind
- Part: portion
- Rued: regretted deeply/ felt sad deeply



# MESSAGE OF THE POEM



- It gives a positive message to the readers.
- Sometimes depression and happiness cloud our hearts, spirit and mood. But that is not the final state/permanent state of mind. Certain moments or actions which are very simple have larger significance. They can change the mood or life of a person. Positive attitude in life can make the world a better place to live in.
- Rhyming scheme: abab
- Symbolism: hemlock tree, crow, snow



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