

# “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; 5

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, 10

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. 15

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. 20

Directions: After reading, annotating, and analyzing the poems, answer the following questions **on a separate piece of paper**. Be clear and do your best with the annotations. It will help you answer the questions.

### **“The Road Not Taken” Questions**

1. A) What time of the year does the poem take place? B) What **support** (specific information from the poem) makes you think this?
2. A) What are the differences between the two roads? B) What might they symbolize?
3. What does the speaker mean when he says, “Yet knowing how way leads back on to way, / I doubted if I should ever come back”?
4. A) What decision does the speaker make? B) Is he happy with his decision? Explain your answer with **support** from the poem.