

**Question 1. What is a “dust of snow”? What does the poet say has changed his mood? How has his mood changed?**

The “dust of snow” refers to fine flakes or particles of snow. The poet says this sudden shower of snow changed his mood from sadness to happiness. He felt refreshed and was eager to enjoy the rest of the day.

**Question 2. How does Frost present nature in this poem?**

Unlike typical poems that celebrate beautiful birds and trees like peacocks, parrots, oaks, or pines, Frost chooses a crow and a poisonous hemlock tree. A crow is often seen as a symbol of sorrow or bad luck, evoking depressing thoughts. The hemlock tree, known for its poisonous nature and small white flowers, adds to this gloomy image. By shaking dust of snow from a hemlock tree, the crow represents a moment of joy and positive energy breaking through sadness and gloom, symbolizing the poet’s shift from despair to hope.

**Question 3. Have you ever felt depressed or hopeless? Did something change your mood unexpectedly?**

Yes, many times I have felt down or hopeless, sometimes because of others’ behavior and sometimes my own struggles. Once, while upset, I went for a walk and saw a girl playing with a puppy, full of affection and joy. Their happiness lifted my spirits, and I ended up feeling joyful for the rest of the day, even joining them in play.