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# The Road Not Taken

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.

 Robert Frost 



# The Road Not Taken

## Vocabulary

**diverged:** separate from another route, especially a main one, and go in a different direction

**trodden:** crush or flatten something with the feet

**hence:** in the future

## Discussion Questions

1. What choice did the traveler have to make in the poem?

2. Why do you think the traveler chose the path that "wanted wear"?

3. Why does the traveler think they won't make it back to take the other path another day?

4. Do you think the traveler seems happy with his choice of paths? Why or why not?

5. What path would you have chosen? Why?



# The Last Word of a Bluebird

As I went out a Crow  
In a low voice said, "Oh,  
I was looking for you.  
How do you do?  
I just came to tell you  
To tell Lesley (will you?)  
That her little Bluebird  
Wanted me to bring word  
That the north wind last night  
That made the stars bright  
And made ice on the trough  
Almost made him cough  
His tail feathers off.  
He just had to fly!  
But he sent her Good-by,  
And said to be good,  
And wear her red hood,  
And look for the skunk tracks  
In the snow with an ax-  
And do everything!  
And perhaps in the spring  
He would come back and sing."

Robert Frost





# The Last Word of a Bluebird

## Discussion Questions

1. Who was the crow giving a message to?
2. What was the message?
3. Why did the bluebird have to fly away?
4. Where do you think the bluebird went?
5. What do you think the north wind was bringing with it?
6. When did the bluebird plan to return?



Fun Fact: Robert Frost actually had a daughter named Lesley.