



THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

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.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

According to the poem, does the speaker regret his decision?

- Why does the title refer to the road the speaker does not take rather than the road he does take?
- Why does the speaker say, "I shall be telling this with a sigh"?
- Why does the speaker imagine saying, "I took the one less traveled by," when earlier he says that "the passing there / Had worn them really about the same"?
- Why does the speaker say that taking the road he did "has made all the difference"?