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# Poetry - Meaning

A form of literary art in which language is used for its beauty and other qualities in addition to its clear meaning.

maximal meaning in minimal wording

# Difference between poetry and prose

- Language
- Rhyme
- Rhythm
- Standard rules of grammar
  - Punctuation
  - Capitalization
  - Sentence structure

# Robert Frost



**American poet**  
**Writes about rural life**

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# Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

- Written in 1922
- Published in 1923
- Frost's favorite poem
- **Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru** was greatly influenced by this poem that he kept beside him in his office.

# Poetry

Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

# Prose

Whose woods are these? I think I know it.  
His house is in the village and he will not  
see me stopping here to watch his  
woods as they are filled up with snow.

# Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening



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Whose woods these are I think I know. (A)  
His house is in the village though; (A)  
He will not see me stopping here (B)  
To watch his woods fill up with snow. (A)

My little horse must think it queer (B)  
To stop without a farmhouse near (B)  
Between the woods and frozen lake (C)  
The darkest evening of the year. (B)

He gives his harness bells a shake (C)  
To ask if there is some mistake. (C)  
The only other sound's the sweep (D)  
Of easy wind and downy flake. (C)

The woods are lovely, dark and deep. (D)  
But I have promises to keep, (D)  
And miles to go before I sleep. (D)  
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# Rhyme scheme

AABA

BBCB

CCDC

DDDD

# Vocabulary

- **Woods** : an area with a high density of trees
- Forest
- Jungle



# FARM HOUSE

House attached  
to a farm



# Vocabulary

Queer

-strange, unusual, unnatural

# SNOW



# Harness



A type of equipment that allows a horse to pull various horse-drawn vehicles.

# FLAKE



a tiny piece of snow

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To watch his woods fill up with snow.



My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.



He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.



The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.



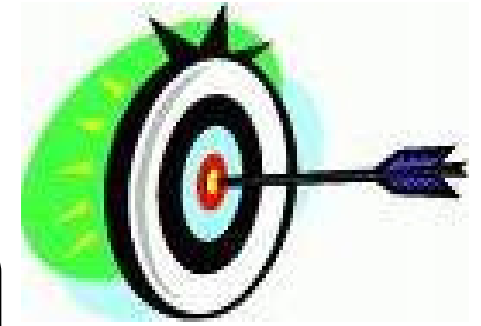
The woods are lovely, dark and deep.  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.

# Context

- This piece of poetry is taken from the poem ***Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*** composed by **Robert Frost**.



# Central Idea



The beautiful poem written by Robert Frost is based on the idea that one should not take one's eyes off the goal despite of all the temptations around. The main idea of the poem is hidden in the last stanza. Which explains that our mind may be attracted towards various temptations, but if we want to reach our goal we should sacrifice all the comforts till the goal is achieved.

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