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Dust of Snow

By Robert Frost
1920

Robert Lee Frost (1874-1963) was a popular American poet, well-known for his depictions of rural life in New England. In this poem, a speaker describes snow falling on them from a tree branch. As you read, take notes on what happens to the speaker and how it affects them.

- [1] The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree
- [5] Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.¹



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1. **Rue (verb):** to bitterly regret something

Text-Dependent Questions

Directions: For the following questions, choose the best answer or respond in complete sentences.

1. PART A: Which of the following best describes the theme of the poem? [RL.2]
 - A. Spending time in nature can have positive effects on a person's mind.
 - B. Animals can provide people with comfort during difficult times.
 - C. It is common for people to feel fearful about their future.
 - D. Spending time in nature can make people feel more alone than they are.

2. PART B: Which detail from the text best supports the answer to Part A? [RL.1]
 - A. "The way a crow / Shook down on me" (Lines 1-2)
 - B. "The dust of snow / From a hemlock tree" (Lines 3-4)
 - C. "Has given my heart / A change of mood" (Lines 5-6)
 - D. "And saved some part / Of a day I had rued" (Lines 7-8)

3. Which of the following most closely identifies what the crow symbolizes? [RL.3]
 - A. an ominous warning
 - B. an unlikely source of happiness
 - C. the power of nature
 - D. the speaker's fears

4. How does the final stanza contribute to the meaning of the poem? [RL.5]
