

Class 10th
Dust of snow

Q1. What is a dust of snow? What does the poet say has changed his mood? How has the poet's mood changed?

Ans. The dust of Snow means the fine particles or flakes of snow. The sudden shower of the dust of snow in the form of flakes has changed the poet's mood. The poet's mood has changed from sad to happy. The poet wanted to enjoy the rest of the day

Q2. How does frost present nature in this poem? The following questions may help you to think of an answer.

1. What are the birds that are usually named in the poems? Do you think the crow is often mentioned in the poems? What images come to your mind when you think of a crow?
2. Again what is a hemlock tree? Why does not the poet mention about more beautiful tree such as maple or an oak or pine.
3. What do the crow and hemlock represent joy or sorrow? What does the dust of Snow that the crow shakes off the tree stand for?

Ans1. Generally the poets take more beautiful birds like peacock Cuckoo nightingale etc. and trees full of beautiful flowers and fruits. But here the poet has taken a totally different approach. He chose a crow which is not often used in the poems. Thinking of a crow brings a very sorrowful and depressing picture to our mind.

Ans2. The poet chose a hemlock tree which is a poisonous plant and he did not choose any other tree to show his present state of mind

Ans3. The crow and hemlock tree represent sorrow and depression felt by the poet in this world. Dust of the snow is the symbol of natural joy and energy. The dust of snow that the poet shakes off a hemlock tree means passing through a sad and depressing moment the poet is entering into the joy and happy moment.

Q3. Have there been moments when you felt sad and hopeless? Have you experienced a similar moment that changed your mood that day?

Ans3. There have been innumerable times when I felt sad and depressed, there are varied reasons for one being sad and depressed and I too had my share of depression in my life. A loving care from my mother and consolation from my father helped me change my mood.