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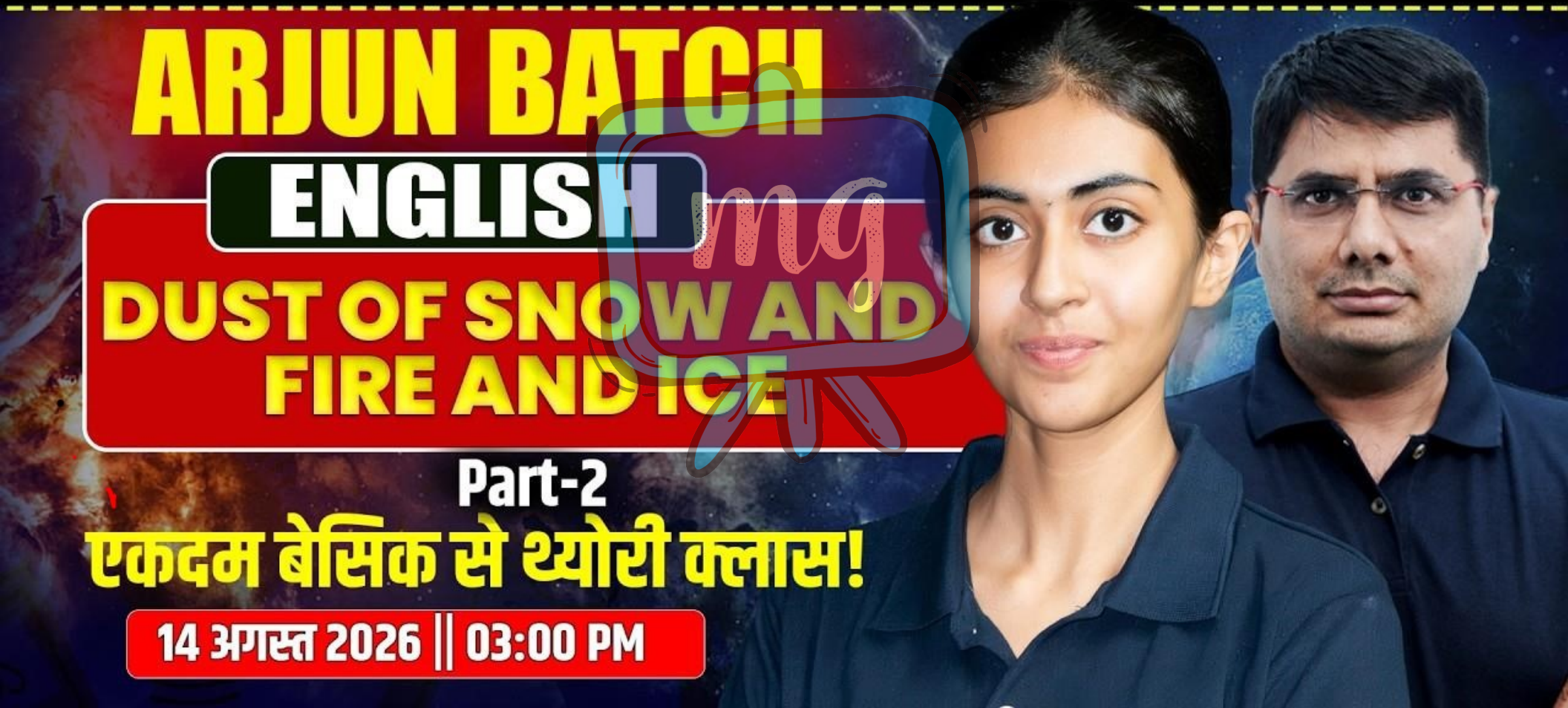
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DUST OF SNOW AND FIRE AND ICE

Part-2

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Robert Lee Frost (March 26, 1874 – January 29, 1963) was an American poet. Known for his realistic depictions of rural life.

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Robert Frost


FIRE AND ICE

FIRE AND ICE

- Destructive Human Emotions
- Desire as Fire लालच
- Hate as Ice नफ़रत
- Equal Power of Destruction
- The End of the World



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Some people

Ice — Fire

Enjambment

अनुभव – experience

Some say the world will end in fire (a)

Some say in ice. (b)

From what I've tasted of desire (a)

I hold with those who favour fire. (a)

But if it had to perish twice,

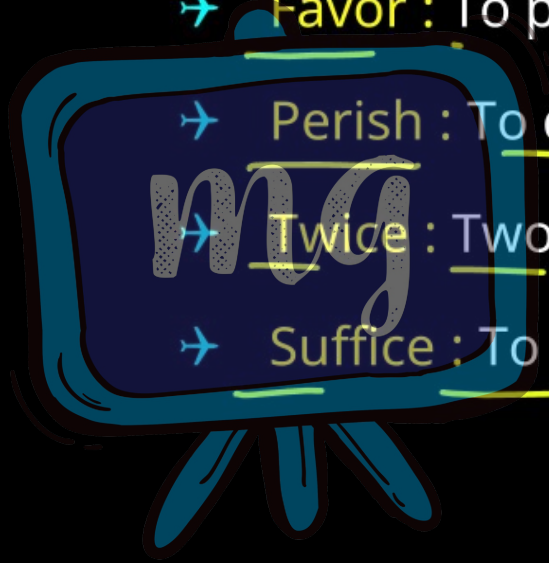
I think I know enough of hate

To say that for destruction ice

Is also great, And would suffice.

FIRE AND ICE

- Desire : A strong, burning want लालच
- Favor : To prefer
- Perish : To die, be completely destroyed नष्ट
- Twice : Two times. दोबारा
- Suffice : To be enough or sufficient काफ़ी



FIRE AND ICE

1. Rhyme Scheme

- What it means : The pattern of rhyming words at the end of the lines in a poem.
- Example : The rhyme scheme of the poem is ABA ABC BCB (Fire/Desire/Fire, Ice/Twice/Suffice, Hate/Great).

FIRE AND ICE

2. Symbolism

- What it means : When an object, element, or idea stands for a deeper meaning or human emotion.
- Example : Fire stands for burning desire and greed, while ice stands for cold hatred and emotional stiffness.

FIRE AND ICE

Personification

3. Personification

- What it means : Giving human qualities or active powers to non-living things or abstract ideas.
- Example : Fire and Ice are personified as destructive forces capable of thinking, acting, and bringing an end to the world.

FIRE AND ICE

4. Enjambment

- What it means : When a sentence continues from one line to the next without any punctuation mark (like a comma or full stop) at the end of the line.
- Example :
  - "To say that for destruction ice
  - Is also great"

FIRE AND ICE

5. Alliteration

- What it means : The repetition of the same starting consonant sound in nearby words.
- Example :
  - "World will" (repetition of the 'W' sound)
  - "Favor fire" (repetition of the 'F' sound)

FIRE AND ICE

ELABORATION OF THEMES

Destructive Human Emotions : Bad feelings inside humans are powerful enough to ruin the world. Our own negative emotions are our biggest danger.

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Desire as Fire : The poet compares strong, greedy wants to burning fire. Uncontrolled cravings can quickly burn up and destroy everything.

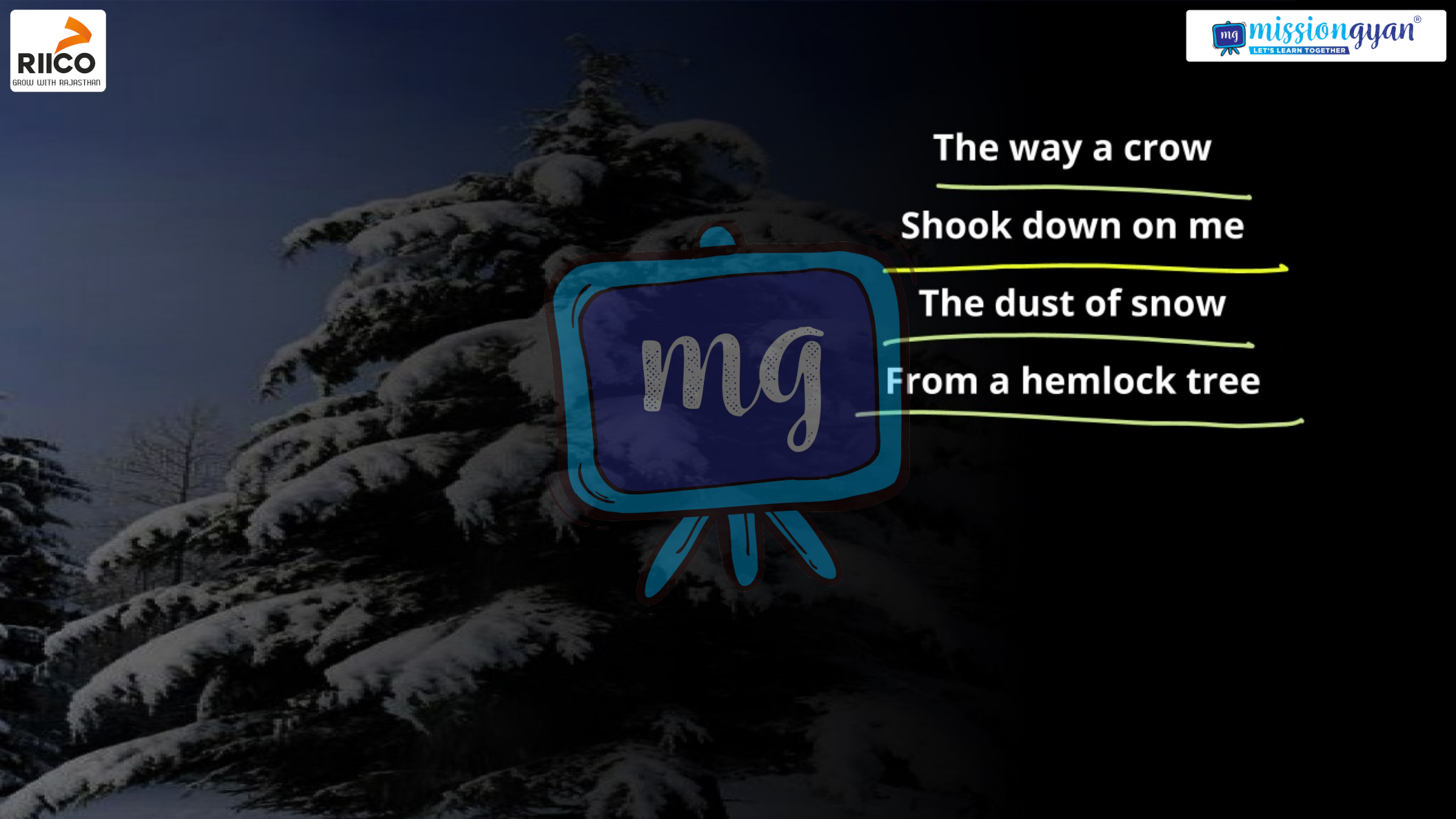
Hate as Ice : He compares cold hatred to ice. Even though it is freezing, hate is just as cruel and capable of destroying people.

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Equal Power of Destruction : Both burning desire and cold hatred are equally dangerous. Either one is strong enough to completely wipe out humanity. इंसानियत

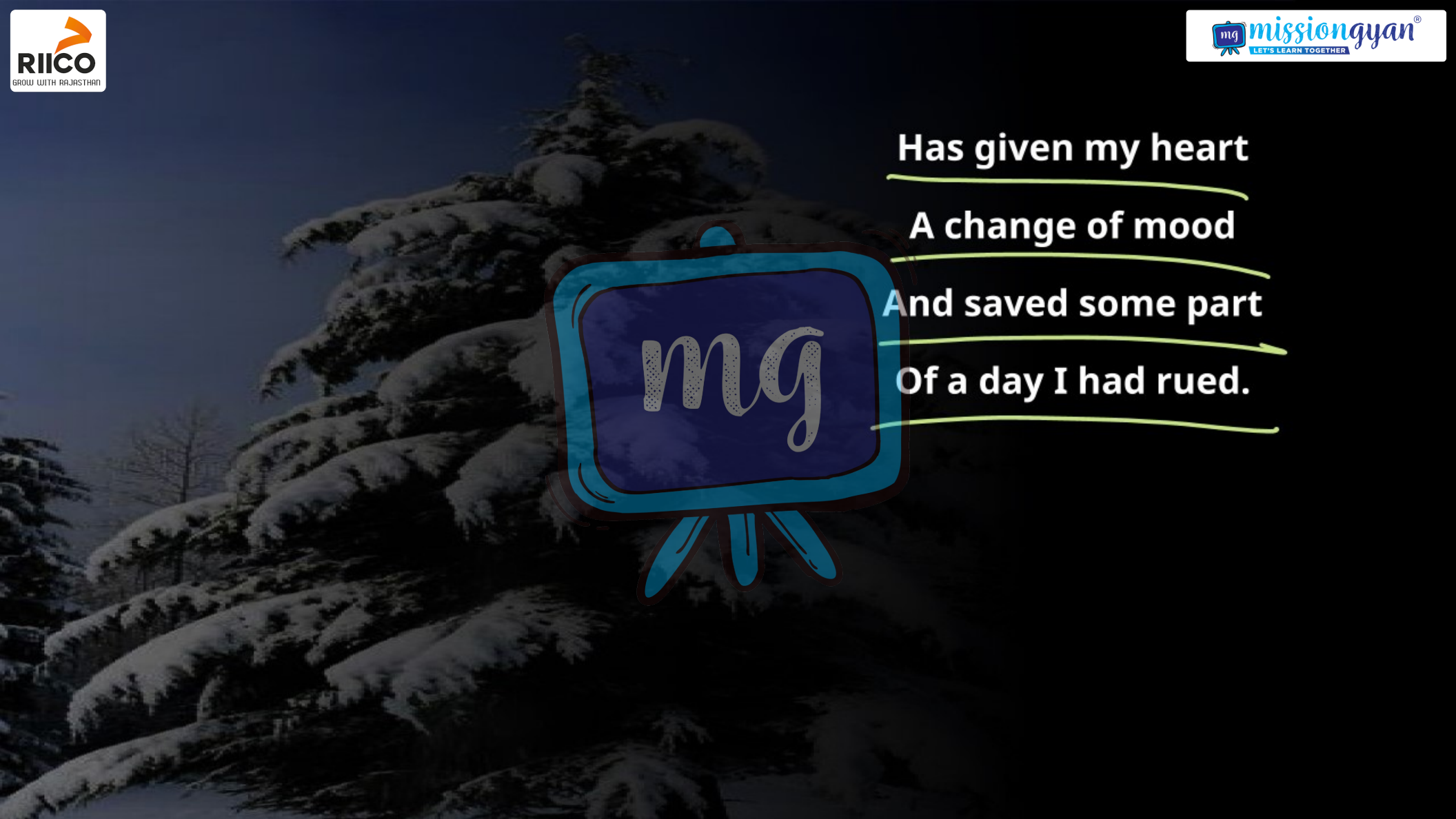
The End of the World : The poem talks about how the earth might end. It warns that bad human actions will be the real reason for our total destruction.


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The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

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Has given my heart

A change of mood

And saved some part

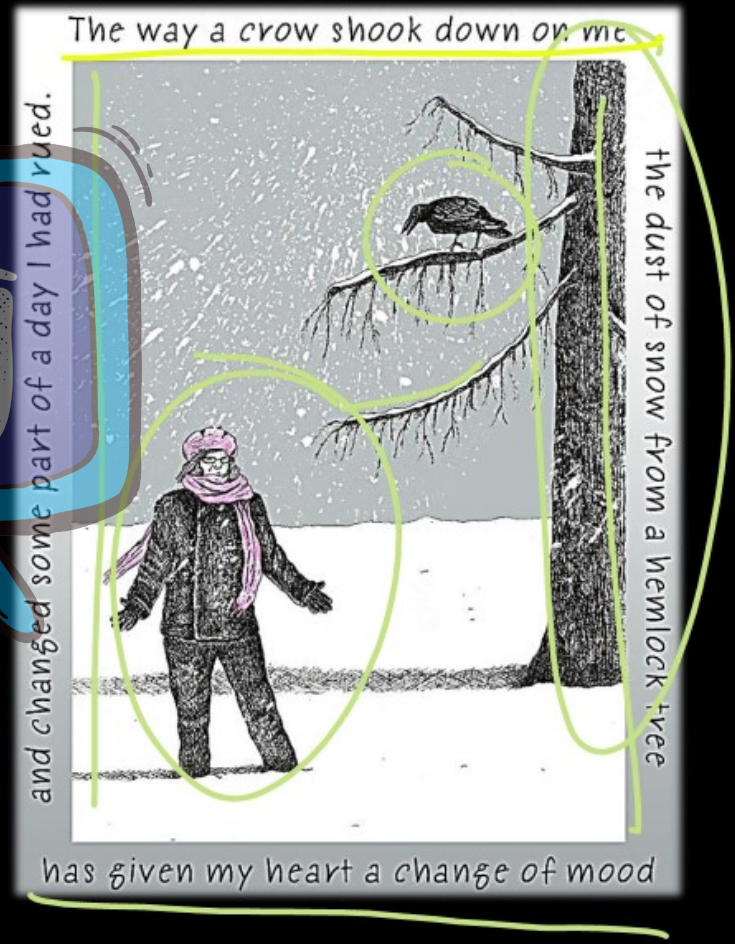
Of a day I had rued.

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THEMES

- Finding Joy in Unexpected Places
- Challenging Traditional Bad Omens
- Importance of Everyday Moments
- Shift from Sadness to Hope
- The Power of a Fresh Outlook

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The way a crow shook down on me
the dust of snow from a hemlock tree
and changed some part of a day I had rued.
has given my heart a change of mood

DUST OF SNOW

1. Rhyme Scheme

- What it means : The pattern of rhyming words at the end of the lines.
- Example : The rhyme scheme of the poem is ABAB CDCD (Crow/Snow, Me/Tree, Heart/Part, Mood/Rued).

DUST OF SNOW

2. Alliteration

- What it means : The repetition of the same starting consonant sound in nearby words.
- Example :
  - "Has given my heart" (repetition of the 'H' sound)
  - "Saved some part" (repetition of the 'S' sound)

DUST OF SNOW

3. Enjambment

- What it means : When a sentence continues from one line to the next without any punctuation mark (like a comma or full stop) at the end.
- Example : The entire first stanza runs continuously as one single sentence without a pause :

DUST OF SNOW

- "The way a crow
- Shook down on me
- The dust of snow
- From a hemlock tree"



DUST OF SNOW

4. Imagery

- What it means : Descriptive language that helps readers create a clear mental picture in their minds.
- Example : "Dust of snow" helps us vividly picture tiny, fine flakes of white snow falling through the air.

DUST OF SNOW

5. Symbolism

- **What it means :** When an object, animal, or plant stands for a deeper idea or feeling.
- **Example :** The crow and the hemlock tree are symbols of sorrow, gloom, and negativity.

Contrast

6. Contrast

- What it means : A device used to highlight the differences between two opposite things, ideas, or feelings.
- Example : The sharp difference between the poet's initial sadness ("a day I had rued") and his sudden happiness, or between gloomy symbols (crow/hemlock) and the joyful outcome they bring.

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Q. What is a “dust of snow”? What does the poet say has changed his mood? How has the poet’s mood changed?



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Ans : A "dust of snow" means tiny, fine flakes of snow that look like light dust. The poet says that a crow shaking down this snow from a hemlock tree changed his mood. His mood changed from sad, gloomy, and regretful to happy, hopeful, and refreshed, saving the rest of his day from being wasted.

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Ans : The two bad omens mentioned in the poem are a crow and a hemlock tree, which are traditionally symbols of bad luck and sorrow. Instead of bringing further gloom or misfortune, they unexpectedly cheer up the poet and bring him comfort.

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Ans : The poet says his day was "saved" because he was having a terrible, miserable day (BAD) until that moment. The sudden touch of snow acted as a mental reset button, changing his sad thoughts into a positive mood and rescuing the rest of his day from being completely wasted.

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Ans : In the poem, fire stands for human desires, greed, and burning passions, while ice stands for cold-hearted hatred and emotional stiffness.

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Ans : According to the poet, the world will be destroyed by extreme human emotions—either through the fire of uncontrolled desires or the ice of deep hatred.

Q. What does the poet mean by saying the world could perish "twice"?



perish twice

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Q. What does the poet mean by saying the world could perish "twice"?

Ans : The poet means that human malice and negative traits are so powerful that if the world were to escape destruction by fire once, hatred (ice) is strong and widespread enough to destroy it a second time.

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(i) Seen passage

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

(i) What is a 'dust of snow'?

The dust of snow are the tiny flakes of snow that look like dust.

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The way a crow

Shook down on me

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(ii) Write the reference of the hemlock tree.

The hemlock tree refers to traditional bad omen/luck.

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Desire means the uncontrolled human greed which is shown by fire in the poem.

Some say the world will end in fire

Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire

(i) What is the meaning of the word "desire" in the context of the poem?

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Some say the world will end in fire

Some say in ice.

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(ii) Find a word from the passage that is the opposite of "beginning".

End

the world will either end by fire on by ice.
(desire) (hate)

Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire

(iii) According to some people, how will the world end?

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fire (desire)
ice (hate)

Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire

(iv) What does the poet favor based on his personal experience?

The poet favours fire.