Class-X

English

First Flight

Poem - 2



ROBERT FROST

Fire and Ice

Explanation

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desire: इच्छा

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

1. Rhyme Scheme – ABAA
2. Alliteration –
3. Enjambment –
4. Symbolism –
5. Anaphora –

perish : नष्ट होना

destruction : तबाही

suffice: पर्याप्त

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

B C B C B

Enjambment

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[Comprehension]

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Question 1. What do the people say about the ending of the world? What is the poet's stand?

Answer : The poet says that some people say the world shall end in fire. Some others say it will end in ice. But the poet thinks that he has tasted the fire of 'desire'. 'Desire' has a symbolical meaning here. It is akin to 'fire'. It will surely end the world.

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Question 2. How will the world end twice?

Answer : The poet says that if the world end twice, it will surely end. It will end due to hatred. The poet feels that hatred is spreading much among the people of the world. It is a very sad thing. This shall end the world on day.

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Question 3. what is the rhyme scheme of the poem? How does it help in bringing out the contrasting ideas in the poem?

Answer : The rhyme scheme of the poem is: a, b, a, a ; b, c, b, c, b. It helps in bringing out the contrasting ideas in the poem.

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While the poet talks about how fire represents desire and can therefore be a cause of the end of the world, he also mentions ice in between to symbolise that the coldness and indifference towards and another will also be enough to end the world.

