

Dust Of Snow

By Robert Lee Frost

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

Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. What does a crow shake down on the speaker?

- A) a dust of snow
- B) a day of rue
- C) a bad mood
- D) a hemlock tree

2. How many syllables are there in each line of this poem?

- A) 1-2
- B) 3-4
- C) 4-6
- D) 6-9

3. Reread the second stanza of the poem:

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A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.

What can you conclude about the change in the speaker's mood?

- A) The speaker's mood has gotten better.
- B) The speaker's mood has gotten worse.
- C) The speaker's mood has stayed the same.
- D) The speaker's mood has changed from angry to scared.

4. Where, most likely, is the speaker of the poem?

- A) in bed
- B) in England
- C) outdoors
- D) at school

5. What is the theme of this poem?

- A) Pets can bring joy to people who feel lonely.
- B) Being out in nature can make a person feel better.
- C) Staying outdoors too long in the cold can be unhealthy.
- D) Winter is a time of year that makes people feel sad.

6. Reread the second stanza of the poem:

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What does the word "saved" mean here?

- A) protected from danger
- B) preserved for later use
- C) stored on an electronic device
- D) made worthwhile

7. What is the subject of the phrase "had rued" (line 8)?

- A) "saved" (line 7)
- B) "some part" (line 7)
- C) "a day" (line 8)
- D) "I" (line 8)

8. What does a crow shaking down snow from a hemlock tree give the speaker's heart?

9. What does the word “rued” mean? Support your answer with evidence from the poem.

10. What can you conclude about the speaker’s character, or personality? Support your answer with evidence from the poem.
