

PV Log: (circle one) **Poem** / **Movie** / **Picture** / **Lyric**Date 10/25/13Title "Fire and Ice"Author / Director / Robert Frost

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

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Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc?)

This poem is a discussion about how the world will end. Will we die a fiery death or a frozen one. The author says that he thinks the world will end in fire, but he knows enough about hate to where the world ending in ice would make sense. The narrator has experienced both extremes in everything in his life, and he is open to both extremes being possible when it comes to the end of the world.

Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

The theme of this poem is extremes and how they are prevalent in our lives. The two examples of extremes when it comes to the end of the world get us thinking. They help us realize that everything in life has two sides, and that cooperation and meeting in the middle help the world run more smoothly.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

The main symbols of this poem are obvious: fire and ice. Fire and ice are the two extremes when it comes to temperature or objects described by their heat level. These two things represent the two extremes and two opposites in everything in life from colors to words to political parties. They help us realize that extremes don't see straight and that the extremes need to meet in the middle to create a good system.

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

This song is poetic because it is a wake up call. Most people are stuck completely one side of an issue. They view and issue one way, and refuse to look at it from the other perspective. This poem essentially says that the world is going to end so you might as well take advantage of it. It's poetic how opposites can both have the same affect on a person, and it is poetic how some people find out how do balance both extremes.

Fire and Ice

Some say the world will end in fire,
Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favor fire.

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.