

'Stopping by woods on a snowy evening' is one of Robert Frost's first poems. It was written in 1922 and was published in 1923 in his volume 'New Hampshire'. Frost was an important American writer and wrote this poem while living in the village of Franconia in New Hampshire. It seems that the poet was inspired to write the poem (SBWSE) by watching the woods near the village, Franconia.

In the poem, the poet stops by some woods on his way one evening. He knows the owner of the woods, who lives in the village and so he won't see the poet stopping there. Therefore, he could continue watching the natural beauty of his snow-covered woods. But the poet's dear horse finds it very strange to stop there between the woods and the frozen lake in that dark evening as he didn't see any farm house nearby. Moreover, the weather was very cold to freeze a lake and the poet felt depressed due to this cold weather. By shaking the bell attached to its harness, the horse warned his master not to stop by the woods in the darkness.

But the poet was enchanted with the lovely dark and deep beauty of the woods and wished to enjoy it for long. Suddenly, the poet reminds

that he has some other responsibilities in life. He has to go a long way before he sleeps.

Thus the poem has very beautifully described the conflict between human desire and human responsibilities. We, in our real life have many things to look at with awe, many things to enjoy; but in most cases, we cannot stop and enjoy for long simply because we have other things to do in our short life span. We have to move on to accomplish ~~out~~ our duties and responsibilities. The 'woods' here suggests the distractions and temptations in the journey of our life. We must not waste our time paying attention to those outward temptations. We should stay focussed on our goal and try to reach in time. We must fulfil our duties before we die - and that is the significance of the poem.