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Fire and Ice

----Robert Frost

Central Idea----

The poem, ‘ Fire and Ice’ by Robert Frost unanimously announces that the destruction of the world is inevitable. This universe is studded with a lot of components which sometimes make the world a paradise and sometimes push it in the burning entrance of a hell. As far as the poet is concerned, he always tried to enkindle the light of hope in this dark world of illusion. Finding himself helpless in the midst of undeserved provoking situation, he finally accepts the truth of this living world--- that is destruction.

This short poem communicates effectively an idea for us to think. On the one hand he submits that fire (a source of energy) is fit enough to sustain as well as to destroy the world. As it is a matter of fact that the sun (supposed to be a ball of fire,an unending source of energy) provides energy to all living beings to survive. The other aspect of it is humiliating and dangerous when it begins to give out scorching heat to turn the existing world to

ashes. He never fails to emphasise the darkening effect of ice that always paralyses the world with its killing stubbornness.

Thus,we come to this conclusion by virtue of this poem that the world must practise love and hate both but not in their devastating form. Excess of love and excess of hatred both are responsible to put off the live flame of the joyous world. 'Fire' and 'ice' are symbolic images used here to create contrasting ideas which are always with us. There is always a conflict in our mind whether the world will face the destructive effects of ill feelings or will begin to enlighten us with new wisdom of hopefulness.

