

**1916**

**THE ROAD NOT TAKEN (From Mountain Interval)**

**Robert Frost**

**Frost, Robert (1874-1963) - American poet best known for his realistic depictions of rural New England life. First published in England, his work was long ignored in his own country. Once established, he became one of America's bestloved and most honored poets. Frost won four Pulitzer Prizes. The Road Not Taken (1916) - One of Frost's best-known poems. At a fork in the road, the poet tells why he "took the one less traveled by."**

**ROAD NOT TAKEN**

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I marked the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I

I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

**THE END**