

# The Road Not Taken

By Robert Frost <sup>1</sup>

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 kept 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.

Storytelling with Family or personal reflection. One by one, each person shares their answer to the first prompt below. Then go to the next prompt and so forth. A person can pass.

- 1. Share about a time when “Two roads diverged” in your life.** (Maybe one main road that was the easier choice and another road going in a different direction). **What two roads, or two decisions, were you choosing to go on, or make? What road, or choice, did you choose? Why?**
- 2. Share about in your teenage years what “two roads diverged”** (or two choices) **in your life that you needed to choose between.** (i.e., what sports, clubs, groups, or activities to join, deciding to go to college/university/trade school/etc. or work full-time or not to work, dating, traveling, moving, etc.) **Who** (you, parents, others) **helped in making the final choice? Knowing what you know now, would you have made the same choice or a different choice? Why?**
- 3. Tell a story about a time you choose to take “the one less traveled by.” Did it make “all the difference?” Or not? Share more.**

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