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When I first read the poem “Fire and Ice”, I didn’t understand what the meaning of it; because I didn’t know the poetic devices. In the poem, he talks about two endings of the world. Firstly, I interpreted the poem according to the basic meanings of fire and ice and, I considered that the endings of the world will be related to global heating/world wars or ice age. But, as the time passed and I read it again and again; I realised that the poem wants to say something special and has deeper meaning. In my opinion, here, fire symbolises “desire” or passion, and ice “hate”. Robert Frost first says that the world will be end in fire due to his experience with desire; in other words, too much passion will cause the end of the world. But, immediately after, he says that hate is also sufficient the ending of the world. He concludes that both passion and hate are equal to destroy the world.

In the second poem “The Fog”, fog is like a silent cat and wonders its all around. To succeed that, it covers and looks at everything that wonders. While doing that, it wants not to be felt; then disappears silently. In my opinion, both fog and silent cat symbolise curious and/or mysterious people.

I noticed that fire, ice and fog may have metaphorical meanings. The poet’s use of metaphor change the meanings of these words. For this reason, I thought about these words deeply and tried to understand the different meanings of them.

I find “Fire and Ice” more powerful due to his sharper metaphors.