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POETRY: Repetition

Directions:

This famous poem uses repetition. Read it through carefully and thoughtfully then answer the questions that follow.

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Robert Frost, 1923

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

1. Underline the lines of the poem where repetition is used.
2. What effect does the repetition have on the poem's tone and mood?
3. Why do you think Robert Frost chose to repeat the line, "And miles to go before I sleep"?