

REVIEW OF THE POEMS FIRE AND ICE, AND THE FOG

The Fog poem didn't really impress me nor changed my thoughts about anything. But Fire and Ice really made me think after learning its backstory and the Inferno poem. I have never thought of ice as a destructive thing. I always thought that it was some sort of a painkiller, a good thing. Because whenever you hurt yourself, hit your head or fall down from the stairs etc. , the first thing to do is put ice on the bruise. But too much ice, too much coldness is as harmful as fire too. You have got to know the limits, you don't jump in to a frozen river when you have a bruise on your arm.

But besides its literal meaning, cold means hatred and fire means passion, love. If I didn't know what these metaphors meant the poem wouldn't be so meaningful and impressive. I would just imagine the world in flames. But after knowing that the poet used the words fire and ice as metaphors, those imaginary flames leaves its place to something different, something far more destructive. Pain, the blindness of love and the rage of hate. The Fog was just a normal meaningless poem for me. It didn't make me think nor it made sense.

That is why I found the Fire and Ice far more impressive, and powerful.