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ON A TREE FALLEN ACROSS THE ROAD

(TO HEAR US TALK)

BY ROBERT FROST

and for both the Hearts the one that
writes the good poetry and the one
that keeps him writing it.

The tree the tempest with a crash of wood
Throws down in front of us is not to bar
Our passage to our journey's end for good,
But just to ask us who we think we are

Insisting always on our own way so.

She likes to halt us in our runner tracks,

And make us get down in a foot of snow

Debating what to do without an ax.

And yet she knows obstruction is in vain:

We will not be put off the final goal

We have it hidden in us to attain,

Not though we have to seize earth by the pole

And, tired of aimless circling in one place,
Steer straight off after something into space.

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