
CLASS -X ENGLISH
NCERT SOLUTIONS-FIRST FLIGHT (POEM)
Fire and Ice

Answer

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Answer1: Yes I believe that this world will end some but when nobody knows. Whether the sun gets hot or it gets colder in both the situations end of this world is sure.

Answer2: 'Fire' stands for greed, avarice, lust, conflict and fury. 'Ice' stands for cruelty, intolerance, rigidity, insensitivity, coldness, indifference and hatred.

Answer3: The rhyme scheme of the poem is: a, b, a, a; b. c, b, c, b.

The contrasting ideas of 'fire' and 'ice' are presented using this rhyme scheme. He mentions that both fire and ice are probable ends of this world. While he talks about how fire represents desire and can therefore be a cause of the end of the world, he also mentions ice in between to symbolise that the coldness and indifference towards one another will also be enough to end the world. In the second stanza, he says that he knows of enough hate in the world to be sure that even destruction through ice would be sufficient to bring about the end of the world.