

Many Roads

1. Who is the intended audience for this poem? Whom is the poet speaking to?

A: Someone young who is yet to experience much of life.

2. What assumption is the poet making about the friends the subject of the poem has?

A: That the subject thinks they have already made the 'best' friends they will ever meet; however the poet knows they will make more in the future.

3. What comment does the poet make on the passage of time? Will it be fast or slow? How do you know?

A: The poet says that 'just like that' the future becomes today i.e. time passes very quickly; almost unnoticed.

4. Why does the poet describe the subject of the poem's dreams as being 'as broad as they are long'. What does this tell us about the dreams?

A: That they stretch into the future (long) and they are ambitious (broad).