



## *A Line-storm Song*

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*Robert Frost*

*The line-storm clouds fly tattered and swift,  
The road is forlorn all day,  
Where a myriad snowy quartz stones lift,  
And the hoof-prints vanish away.  
The roadside flowers, too wet for the bee,  
Expend their bloom in vain.  
Come over the hills and far with me,  
And be my love in the rain.  
The birds have less to say for themselves  
In the wood-world's torn despair  
Than now these numberless years the elves,  
Although they are no less there:  
All song of the woods is crushed like some  
Wild, easily shattered rose.  
Come, be my love in the wet woods; come,  
Where the boughs rain when it blows.  
There is the gale to urge behind  
And bruit our singing down,  
And the shallow waters aflutter with wind  
From which to gather your gown.  
What matter if we go clear to the west,  
And come not through dry-shod?  
For wilding brooch shall wet your breast  
The rain-fresh goldenrod.  
Oh, never this whelming east wind swells  
But it seems like the sea's return*



*To the ancient lands where it left the shells  
Before the age of the fern;  
And it seems like the time when after doubt  
Our love came back again.  
Oh, come forth into the storm and rout  
And be my love in the rain.*