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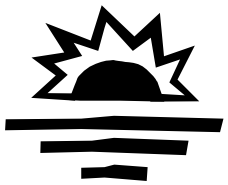

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Ponyboy enjoyed the sunrise on one particular morning. When Johnny woke up, he joined Ponyboy in observing the beauty of nature. Johnny thought the mist looked gold and silver which reminded Ponyboy of a poem by Robert Frost.

Nothing Can Stay Gold
By Robert Frost

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down today.
Nothing gold can stay.

What do you think this poem means? Right before Johnny died, he told Ponyboy to "stay gold." What did he mean by this? Give your best interpretations.

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