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*With this new poem*

**ROBERT FROST** *sends you*

*Holiday Greetings and good wishes*

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DOOM TO BLOOM

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*Cumaeen Sybil, charming Ogress*

*What are the simple facts of Progress*

*That I may trade on with reliance*

*In consultation with my clients?*

*The Sybil said "Go back to Rome*

*And tell your clientele at home*

*That if it's not a mere illusion*

*All there is to it is diffusion —*

*"Of coats oats votes to all mankind.*

*In the Surviving Book we find*

*That liberal or conservative*

*The state's one function is to give.*

*"The bud must bloom till blowsy blown*

*Its petals loosen and are strown;*

*And that's a fate it can't evade*

*Unless 'twould rather wilt than fade."*

Wood-engravings by Fritz Eichenberg



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