The Intensity of Blind Love in Walk to Remember

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Abstract—A teen, is a young person aged between 13-19 years. During this period a person goes through puberty with physical and hormonal changes, psychological development takes place in parallel. Human beings are full of desires and during this age sexual desires at peak that gives rise to extreme attraction towards the opposite gender. In this period, porn plays a significant role in affecting the teenagers psychologically, which gives rise to an increase in their desire of mating. Though not everyone admits, but deep down every teenager feels the need for the same. This paper deals with a teenager who is not being a pervert but stands as stalwart due to true love. Generally, the theme of love has been a recurrent one in the history of literature. It is an interesting subject in literature, unlike other themes, has many twists and turns with different ending. Here is a story with an unspectacular ending. In this story a teenager of seventeen years named Landon Carter playful, notorious cum rebellious sprung from a legend’s family of WorthCarter fell in love with Jamie Sullivan daughter of Hegbert, a minister associated with a Baptist church, Beaufort. The intimate love and devotion between the teenagers both in sickness and health has been brought into light.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Landon Carter son of WorthCarter resided in Beaufort, North Carolina. The seventeen years youngster had to finish his schooling and to enter the Harvard or Princeton. He was in the care of his mother as father much involved in representing party and stayed away in a far place. He was encouraged to be student body President by the father to have a good record to join UNC. He was in need of curricular activities record. Having none he planned to enroll as per dad’s instructions. Gaining the trust of the students he got elected. The homecoming dance was coming up and every student council had to attend it. He had a girl friend named Angela Clark who left him, attracted by the fantasies of a garage man. None of the girls were free enough to have a date with. He didn’t want to go to dance without a date. Akin to him, Carey Dennison, elected treasurer had no date due to his disproportionate structure. While checking the yearbook finally, he found Jamie Sullivan left free but still searched for decent looking eventhough she wasn’t that bad looking. He initially considers Jamie prudish and bookish. But then he gets to know her.

II. SIMPLY SPLENDOUR BY BIRTH

Hegbert, father of Jamie Sullivan, a minister replaced old Charles Dickens classic, ‘A Christmas Carol’ with his writings, ‘The Christmas Angel’. The play depicted Sullivan’s life, through the character of Tom Thornton. He was forty three before he ever got married. His wife, passed away during childbirth. Jamie, a senior in high school aged fourteen years; not caring about her outward appearances, looking for “inner beauty” chose to play the angel by Miss. Garber, the drama teacher. She carried the Bible all the time. She believed in the importance to help others. She raised funds to help orphans and the boy scouts to the Indian Princesses. She was the kind of girl, weeds in someone’s garden without being asked or stop traffic to help little kids cross the road, saved her allowances to buy a new basket ball for the orphans. She ever mentioned every happening worse or good according to Lord’s plan. She was deeply connected to her father, but she was ostracized by her classmates because of her religious devotion, unflattering clothing and hairstyle, and tendency to help the downtrodden. She confessed herself to be fortunate and blessed to have her father. Most of them in town adored her.

III. EMPATHETIC IN NATURE

Landon offered her chance to a home-coming dance. She agreed stating the condition he shouldn’t fall in love with her. He swore her. He felt Jamie was probably the best date he had. Jamie’s affection on her father made him to vow her to play the role of Tom Thornton in the school play. He felt sheepishly for his friends’ pranks on her. During their leisure time she posted question on his future plan. He figured to enroll in UNC and the same question was posed to her. She wished to be married and to walk with her father down the aisle amidst everyone in church premises. He was astounded on hearing her goal. They planned to enact the play in an orphanage. Mr. Jenkins the head of it made them understand that the play would remind the kids of what they missed. Hence the plan was cancelled. She used to visit for past seven years and pretty well known to everyone over there. Frequently he was walking her home. They exchanged
their thoughts about family, friends etc. Boys at school started up a new round of speculation about them even worse than before. He wanted to get rid of all these pranks about them. Once he blasted her while walking her home that he disliked to perform the play. Later he regretted it, realizing that there was no flaw on her. The moment the play began, he realized that she looked exactly like an angel and uttered she was beautiful from the bottom of heart. The play ended much more powerful than before. People cried out "Excellent! Marvellous!"

IV. PASSIONATE LOVE

Landon kept his vow to Jamie of collecting money to the orphans. She thanked for his wonderful collecting work stating that the year before was seventy dollars but of now two hundred and forty seven dollars. They handed out the purchased gifts to kids. That day he glanced at her and found the prettiest as anyone he had ever seen. He presented her a sweater as Christmas gift. Expressing gratitude she presented in return. To his surprise, he was stuck as it was her e in other people's sins, but

le where it says: "I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it to the earnestness of others" that choked him, leading to his wedding. He was choked up by the gospel verse, and planned to get married. His parents and Hegbert tried to make him understand, but it ended in vain.

Landon was in deeply in love with her not caring for her illness, hence got ready to marry her. She entered the chapel in wheel chair and walked down the aisle in front of the congregation for her wedding with great struggle, her predestined dream. He promised his love and devotion, in sickness and in health. Even though two score years are over, still he has the memories of that day and carries the love for her even now and shows that by wearing the wedding ring.

V. CONCLUSION

Fifty seven-year-old Landon Carter spirits himself back to his fateful senior year in high school in Beaufort, when he was an archetypal troublemaking teenager of the 1950s, changed forever by an unexpected first love. Apart from generalisation in this story, the teenager's expectation from the loved one is characterised to be immaterial. In this story the love emerges not out of external beauty, wealth, prudence, position, but arises out of the admiration of modesty, humility, nobility and so on. Jamie, the heroine regularly reads the Bible and did her best to help others. In spite of her illness, he found her as a wonderful person, beautiful, kind and gentle. Once he discovered these qualities in her, he learned to be mature, selfless, kind and gentle disowning his apathy and mediocrity. They fell in love with each other, despite the disparity of personalities. He felt she was the best thing that ever happened. The passage expected to be read during her wedding said: "Love is always patient and kind. It is never jealous. Love is never boastful or conceited. It is never rude or selfish. It does not take offense and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasures in..." "Love is blind", that lasts forever and ever. These verses evoked and rooted the feelings of love in a more sturdy way.

Eventually he came across the passage in the Bible where it says: "I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it to the earnestness of others" that choked him, leading to his wedding. He realised it was her kind heartedness made him a man by now. Her passionate love changed him into a virtuous, holy and serviceable person. He witnessed and was amazed by the cheerful optimism in the times of sickness. These things made him to have an intense love for her, not as a benefactor but as a boyfriend. This in-depth blind love lead to their marriage. As it was his first love he would never forget, it was a big part of who he was and in so many ways, he could never be together, but it didn’t mean that it’s not forever because it is forever and hence this story stands for the golden saying "Love is blind", that lasts forever and ever.

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