

Book Review

The story 'The Gift of the Magi' is written by O. Henry and collected from "100 Selected stories". The title of very suitable title for this story as both of Della & Jim were wise in giving and receiving the gifts, as a Magi of course he doesn't receive the gift but he gave it to the Babe in the manger. Hence we can tell that it was the suitable title for the story.

Henry's writing style is simple and easily understandable by almost all types of readers, and this is a heartfelt story of him. In this story he directly touches the hearts of readers with the love and affection of a middle class wife and husband. Of course, they may be middle class or from poor, the love and affection between them are undefined.

Giving a view to the story, the having of that couple and their \$8 flat, electric button and name board and without having

glours and the new coat and saving
the money and pennies one & two from groceries
and from other sources telling us that they
are poor or of middle class.

But they have a mighty pride of
two things that are Della's hair and Jim's
watch as of ancestral property. But they
sacrificed both for the happiness of others. Hence
all who give gifts these two were the wisest

Coming to the character Della is a
good looking girl of a little age as Jim was
only 22. Della is very wise and also pecu-
-niary as she saved 1 dollar and 87 pen-
-ies out of their small incomes. But she has
lot of affection on her husband and before
that love all previous things of her is looking
very least. Hence she cutted her hair and
it, and selected a good platinum fob cha-
-in for him which she think that it was ori-
-gally made for him.

But she had little afraid of him
also Della is humorous as it was said beca-
-use when she cutted her hair in that affair
-she told to her self 'If Jim doesn't kill her.

If he looks at her he would compare her with a "Coney Island chorus girl". Hence she was humorous and very talkative according to the situation giving of gifts and taking the gift of costly combs from Jim reveals that she was talkative according to the situation.

Coming to the character of Jim Full name is "James Billingham Young" He was thin and poor fellow with a small age of twenty two years but burdened with a family. His appearance telling that he was poor but his affect for her wife was countless and precious as first he was very pride of his watch ~~to be~~ but later when he was in need of money for buying a Christmas gift for her wife he sold it and purchased the set of combs for the beautiful hair of her wife.

In this both of them were full of love on the others and sacrificed their having for their better half not considering

the worthy things of them.

In this way Both Bella & Jim was very wise receivers and givers of the gifts. The message behind this story is a message of love and affection.

"Happiness lies not in having worthy things;

But lies in giving worthy things as gifts."

"to our beloved ones"

O. Henry made a successful attempt in showing love & affection in the poor middle class families. Although there is a worthy gift of them are not most useful to them as Bella cut her hair and Jim sold his watch. But the gifts are most valuable in their life because they gave with love.

Finally God has doesn't made men & women with price tags if he did so there is no meaning of this gift & Bella doesn't meet Jim!
The End