

ISLE OF A WEDDED PAIR

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Believe in, not in the scabrous countenance,
Neither the proscribed book nor intangible is the heather heart;
Ornate is the barbaric, crenate prodigy is the ticpolonga,
Enthuse, declaim and exhilarate the filthy sewn faulty zooid.
Lacuna is completed with finch as he hears,
Midas is bedlam, fear not and levee him.
Sojourn is here, tussock is the growth,
Thou finis this tussle, 'tis a bad barren brawl.
Now I flap, in the kitchen garden, to the sky, with my white wings.
I was maniac in adolescence, lost handsomeness.
Hand-grenade made this an amputee.
“Will thou not purvey?”
Is this that lips which indicated kindness,
Take away my skin, You, give away my meat.
In the isle of paradise, I'm a legatee,
The stones of sapphire, diamonds and emerald are under my feet.
I drink manna and infer that I would share it with thou.
My love-lore will stop you to the inferno.
I perceive your sob and comprehend.
Tears roll down through my cheeks to the turf.
Come on, climb onto the Pegasus,
Do not strut; I heard your shrift,
Recline, throw away the angst.
You are still my love in this castle.

Glossary:

Scabrous- indelicate; rough

Countenance- a person's face

Proscribed book- banned book (which thought to contain errors)

Intangible- that can't be felt

Heather- a wild shrubby plant

Crenate- having teeth like cuts

Prodigy- a person with extraordinary talents

Ticpolonga-a venomous serpent found in India

Lacuna-a blank; empty portion

Finch- a kind of small singing bird

Sojourn-a temporary stay

Tussock-a thick bunch of grass

Finis-end

Tussle-fight

Kitchen garden- the traditional garden, separate from the rest of the residential garden- the ornamental plants and lawn areas (here) it is a vegetable garden

Maniac- a person who has an excessive enthusiasm or desire for something (here)for army

Manna- a drink which makes a person immortal

Infer-draw a conclusion

Purvey-supply food

Legatee-one to whom a legacy is bequeathed (here) it refers to his flesh

Love-lorn-miserable because of unrequited love or happiness in love

Inferno-hell

Pegasus-a winged horse

Strut-a vain walk

Shrift-confession made to a priest

About the Poem

The poem “Isle of a Wedded Pair” is a soliloquy made by the lover to his lady-love who hasn’t understood his love. At the beginning of the poem, the lover’s words show his passion for her. He is able to understand her thoughts and opinions toward him. She led a lovely life with him when he was handsome but it didn’t stay longer. Once he has lost his hand and returned home from war with burns, she was not ready to accept him. His life became miserable. She did not care for him and was not in a plight to accept him with that appearance. After his death, she started to recognize his love and accepted the way to the island of paradise instead of inferno. He made her understand that love is not lust. In the isle, she lived happily with him.

The love-love has lost one of his hands in a war and asks his wife to understand his love. As he is not handsome now he requests her to believe in his heather heart and not in his appearance. She thinks him to be a proscribed book, barbaric, ticpolonga and intangible. He wants her to take interest in him, let out her strong love for him and makes him happy with her sweet words. His heart may be like a dirt sewn faulty zooid for her eyes but he is not as she thinks of him. He admires her, each and every word from her mouth is like lacuna filled with the song of a finch as its song reminds him of her voice. He is not an insane but a Midas so he wants her to invite him with love. His life is mortal but his love is as green as grass which grows rapidly and gives a scenic beauty of evergreen. She must end the fight as it is an unfruitful and noisy quarrel. He has given his last breath as he was working in the kitchen garden. He is now turned as an angel with white wings to fly and reach paradise.

During his adolescence, she loved and had wedlock with him. He struggled for his country being a maniac and lost his hand due to the explosion of the hand-grenade. As he has lost his handsomeness, he has lost her love also. He with tears asked his wife to provide food for him but she was not ready to serve him. He wondered if that was the lips which spoke to him politely, uttered words of love and gave him a heartfelt smile. He prayed to God to take away his burnt skin and give back his handsomeness.

He flaps his wings to go to the island in the paradise and there he has got back godly skin and flesh. There lays the precious stones under his feet. Though she hasn’t provided him food, he is ready to share manna with her. He has no worries about the way she has behaved towards him. He is not ready to allow her to go to the hell. He has heard her sob for him and understands her love. She has confessed to the priest about the sins that she has done towards her wedded pair. He asks her not to walk in vain and his tear has turned into a Pegasus when it has reached the turf. He asks her to climb on the Pegasus, tells her to lean on his shoulders and relax.

He is happy that she has realized her mistakes and understood that love is not lust. After his death, days have past but she did not like any other man except her beloved. Once he knew that she can’t survive without him, he calls her to be with him. In the heart of castle, his lady-love remains a queen forever.