

The Patriot

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The central idea of the poem revolve around the rise and fall of one's fortune. The world is a dynamic, fickle and transient place. Here the opinion of people changes rapidly without ending much thought to justice and truth. The patriot is the first here worshipped and celebrated, but within a year he is taken down of execution. Justice is not meted out to him and he believes that real justice can only be delivered by God. By this command he also create the contrast between the fickle and the divine nature of God.

The patriot is majorly based on the theme of raising and fall of fortune. The narrator, the patriot is welcomed with feverish, joy and path of roses in the 1st two stanza by the towns people. But, by the end of the poem we see that those same people have humiliated and executed him, within a year. This shows that glory and fortune do not stay forever. People are fickle minded and change their opinion without a second thought. Some one who is loved today may easily be hated tomorrow.

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The poem has undertones of religiosity. The first stanza itself mentions flag fluttering of the church. Spires also. The patriot is welcome with ringing bell. The final stanza are the patriot being optimistic about death as he believed that you does justice to one and all and he will recognize that patriot has done nothing wrong. These faith in God and the believed he will be same in words an abode shows that a patriot is a religious man also, there is a biblical reference when the poet mentions the reaping of the harvest.

Betrayal is also a minor thing in the poem as the poet fetched the son for the towns people and in return they stamped him as a criminal and executed him. All his good deeds, work forgotten and he was brought to humiliating and painful death. The irony in the poem being that the people who is the beginning him with the flower they are the ones who stone at him and hanged him within a span of a year. The poet reflects back upon the days when he was welcomed with rose laden paths. Then there is a

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tension the narrator narration when the poet refers about empty seat tops.

The poem ends on an optimistic note as the patriot believed that God truly knows who is moral or immoral and he will do justice to the patriot after his death.

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