

An introduction into prose**Anna of The Five Towns**

In the previous lecture , we talked about how Willie came to visit Anna because Willie's father has delivered a letter from Tellwright. In this letter, Tellwright told Titus Price that if you do not pay the rent, I will take you to the prison. So, Willie came to Anna and apologized from her for the second time because they do not have money to pay the rent. He asked Anna and her father to give them a period of time. But Tellwright answered him by saying that " time is money ". This means that if Tellwright gave Willie and his father a period of time, this would be as if he gave them money.

Now, we have another family in our novel which is the family of Henry Maynors. The name of this family is the family of Sutton. This family is better than the family of Anna because the relationship between the father, mother and children is very good not like Anna's relationship with her father.

This family invited Anna to go with them to the island in order to interest themselves there. The name of this island is Isle of Man. Anna accepted this invitation; to go with them to that island, but she needed money and new clothes. So, she told her father that she want to go with the family of Sutton to the island; Isle of Man. But her father refused by saying " how do you want to go, you want to leave me with your sister alone? Your sister needed someone to take care of her." Tellwright said that maybe because Anna will spent; stay one week there; in the island. Agnes said that she accepts to stay with her father at home and to leave her sister go to the island. So, Anna asked her father to give her the money. But again he refused and insisted on his refusing to give her any money. Anna said to her father" In the bank, I have 400 hundred, please give me my cheque book in order to go to the bank and draw some money". But Tellwright also refused. So, Anna went to the island without taking any money.

In the island, Henry was very happy because this is the first time in which he could meet Anna alone. So, he admitted to Anna that he loves her from the first time and said to her " do you accept to be my wife? do you accept me as a husband? ". Anna was very shy and she accepted his offer because she noticed that Willie; the man who she loves, may will not be able to come and engage her from her father because of the problem between their two families. So, she realized that it is better for her to accept the offer of Henry.

Now, they returned. They finished their trip in the island. Tellwright was waiting for her at the door when the vehicle arrived. Anna had a box with her. He did not welcome her and said to her " how much money did you pay to this man who carry the box?" . This is the most important thing for Tellwright. Anna answered him by saying " may be ten pounds". Tellwright was so surprised when he heard that from his daughter.

When Anna returned to her house, Agnes; her little sister, welcomed her and said " you are happy Anna, did Henry engaged you?" . Anna said: " Oh, yes, how do you know?" Agnes said: " Oh, all the girls in the school know that Henry loves you". Then Agnes asked Anna " Did your father know about this?". Anna said : " no, but I will tell him and Henry will come to visit us in order to engage me from my father."

Anna now told her father about the offer of Henry Maynors. The father became very happy because Henry was a business man and he was rich; this was the most important thing for him. He did not care about the morality of Henry; he cared only about his wealth and money. The father said to Anna : " what did you say to Henry? Did you accept to be his wife?

Now, Anna was waiting for Henry to visit them in their house. But he did not come. Anna began to wonder "what happened to Henry?" .

Willie was waiting for his father, Titus Price, at their house, but he did not come and the time is too late. So, Willie went to the work of his father but he discovered that he committed suicide at Edward Street because of the problem between him and Tellwright . So, Willie hurried to Henry because he needed someone to help him.

Henry went with Willie to see Titus Price who had committed suicide.

Anna became very nervous and angry. Henry came on the next day, apologized and explained to Anna what happened yesterday and why he was late.

He said to her: " did you hear anything?" . She answered him " no, what happened?". So, he told her that Titus Price had committed suicide at the Edward Street and his son, Willie , missed his father because he did not come to the house and

when he went to look for him, he found him dead at Edward Street. So, Willie came to me asking for help.

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That evening , while father and daughters sat in the parlour after supper , there was a ring on the door .Agnes ran to open , and found Willie Price .It had begun to rain , and the visitor , his jacket-collar turned up , was wet and draggled . Agnes left him on the mat and ran back to the parlour .

' Young Mr Price wants to see you , Father .'

Tellwright motioned to her to shut the door .

' You'd best see him , Anna , ' he said . ' It's none my business .'

'But what has he come about , Father ?'

' That note as Isent down this morning . I told owd Titus as he mun pay us twenty pun ' on Monday morning certain , or us should distrain . Them as can pay ten pun , and thirty . '

This passage is taken from Anna of the Five Towns which is written by Arnold Bonnett . The speaker is the author . The listeners are the readers . The occasion is that Willie visited Anna's house in order to apologize for paying the rent because he had no money . This is the first visit after Anna's father sent a letter to Willie's father to pay the rent . The main idea is money .

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Is about the rent ?'

' yes ,' he said .

' well , if you will tell me –'

' Oh ! I beg pardon , ' he said quickly . ' Of course I know it's your property , but I thought Mr Tellwright always saw after it for you . It was he that wrote that letter this morning , was'nt it ?'

' Yes , Anna replied . She did not explain the situation .

'You insist on another twenty pounds on Monday ?'

'Yes , she said .

' We paid ten last Monday . '

' But there is still over a hundred owing . '

' I know , but –oh , Miss Tellwright , you mustn't be hard on us .

Trade's bad '

' It says in the Signal that trade is improving , ' she interrupted sharply .

' Does is ? ' he said . ' But look at prices ; they're cut till there's no profit left . I assure you , Miss Tellwright , my father and me are having a struggle . Everything,s against us , and the works in particular , as you know . '

This passage is taken from Anna of the Five Towns which is written by Arnold Bonnet . It is a conversation between Willie and Anna about the rent . Willie visited Anna's house to ask her to give him time to pay the rent but Willie could not do anything because her father wanted him to pay the rent so he sent him a letter . Willie insisted that trade is bad . He only asked to wait for him to pay the rent . The main idea is money .

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My dear miss tellwright,- now that our partnership is an accomplished fact , will you not come and look over the works? I should much like you to do so. I shall be passing

your house this afternoon about two, and will call on the chance of being able to take you down with me to the works. Other day can be arranged.

This passage is taken from Anna of The Five Towns by Arnold Bennett. The speaker is Henry and the listener is Anna. The occasion is that Henry asked her to go with him in the next day in order to show her the nature of work . The main idea is love and money.

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" 'Good afternoon,' he said. 'I see you are ready to come. I'm very glad. I hope I haven't inconvenienced you, but just this afternoon seemed to be a good opportunity for you to see the works, and, you know, you ought to see it. Father in?'

'No,' she said. 'I shall leave the house to take care of itself. Do you want to see him?' "

This passage is taken from Anna of The Five Towns by Arnold Bennett. The speaker is Henry and the listener is Anna. The occasion is that Henry invited Anna to go with him to the factory because she would be his partner ,so she had to recognize the work. The main idea is money and love .

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'Yes. Art fond, lass? I told him as he mun send up some more o' thy rent to-day- twenty- five pun. He's not sent?'

' I don't know,' she said timidly. ' I was out this afternoon.'

'Out, wast?'

'Mr Mynors sent word to ask me to go down and look over the works; so I went. I thought it would be all right.'

'Well, it was'na all right. And I'd like to know what business thou hast gadding out, as soon as my back's turned. How can I tell whether Price sent up or not? And what's more, thou knows as th' house hadn't ought to be left.'

This passage is taken from Anna of The Five Towns by Arnold Bennett. The speaker is Tellwright and the listener is Anna. The occasion is that Tellwright asked his daughter, Anna , if Titus Price had sent the rent to the house and Anna answered him that she was not in the house. She told him that she went with Henry to the company in order to recognize the work. But her father told her that this was not right; was not a good behavior. We notice here that Tellwright treated his daughter ,Anna, as a child that she had not to go anywhere without his permission. This means that she was dutiful and obedient to her father. The main idea is money.

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" taking up the pen. ' Here- write it thysen.' He threw the pen towards her. 'Tell Titus if he does not pay five-and-twenty this wik, us'll put bailiffs in.' "

This passage is taken from Anna of The Five Towns by Arnold Bennett. The speaker is Anna and the listener is Tellwright. The occasion is that Anna tells her father that Willie and his father will not be able to pay 25 pounds because the trade is so bad and everything is

against them and they have no money. She tells her father that they paid amount of the rent. But Tellwright answers her by saying "

I told him if he will not pay the rent, I will send him to the prison".
The main idea is money and paternal authority .

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" 'My Father ,' said Willie, ' was a little put about. He said he'd never received such a letter before in the whole of his business career. It isn't as if-'

' I needn't tell you,' she interrupted, with a sudden determination to get to the worst without more suspense, 'that of course I am in Father's hands.'

This passage is taken from **Anna of The Five Towns** by Arnold Bennett. The speaker is Willie and the listener is Anna. The occasion is that Willie is telling Anna that his father received a letter from her father which Titus Price had not received like it before in all his life. This is the second visit . But Anna answered him by saying that she has no ability to change the mind of her father although all money

belongs to her and that she must obey her father. The main idea is money.

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' 'Time is money,' said Tellwright, 'and if us give you time us give you money.' Stead o' that, it's you as mun give us money. That's right reason.'

This passage is taken from Anna of The Five Towns by Arnold Bennett. The speaker is Tellwright and the listener is Willie. The occasion is that Willie came to Tellwright in order to ask him to give them only a period of time to pay the rent. But Tellwright said to Willie that "time is money" and if I give you time, this means that I give you money. The main idea is money.

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About me going with suttons to the isle of man? She accosted her father , in the afternoon , outwardly calm, but with secret trembling.

" well? He exclaimed savagely.

' I shall want some money- a little .' she would have given much not to have added that " little", but it came out of itself .

' it's a waste o' time and money – that's what I call it. I can't think why Suttons asked ye. Ye aren't ill, are ye? His savagery changed to sullenness.

' no , father : but as it's arranged , I suppose I shall have to go.'

" well , I'm none so set up with the idea mysen.'

' shan't you be all right . I don't want much . I've no fads and fal-lals .

This passage is taken from **Anna of The Five Towns** by Arnold Bennett. The speaker is Anna and the listener is her father . The occasion is Anna asked him some money because Suttons family invited her to go with them to the Isle man island. Her father refused because he was a miser . The main idea is money.

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