
Q. Write a précis of the following passage and also suggest a suitable title: (20)

One night a holy man, Abu Ben Adhem by name, suddenly woke up from a deep dream of peace and saw in his moonlit room an angel writing something in a book of gold. He did not feel at all frightened. The peaceful face of the angel made Abu bold and he said to the angel, "What are you writing?" The angel looked up and replied in a kind and sweet tone, "I am taking down the names of those who love God." "And is my name one among them?" Asked Abu. But the angel replied, "No, it is not." "I pray thee then," said Abu, "To write me down as one who loves his fellowmen." The Angel wrote and vanished. The next night the angel came again with a great light which awaked Abu Ben Adhem: and he showed Abu the names of those who had been blessed by the love of God. And behold! The name of Abu was at-the top of the list.

Abu Ben Adhem, when shaken up from sleep, saw an angel writing in a book. Upon Abu's approach and inquiry, the angel told Abu about a list of God-loving people. With Abu's name not making this list, he asked to be written as one of fellow-man loving people. The angel obliged and vanished. Following night, Abu was shown that he had topped the list of God-loved people.