

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.

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The Story of Pious Man

Abu Bin Adhem woke up one night. He saw an angel and asked him about what he was doing. The angel replied that he was noting down the names of people who love God. He then inquired about his name and was negatively responded. He prayed with sorrow for his name to be included among people whom God loves. The next night angel appeared and proclaimed that his name was among those whom God loves the most.

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