
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.

Precis:

Abu Bin Adhem's Blessed Night

One night, as Abu Bin Adhem stirred from his sleep, he saw an angle in his room writing something. He bravely asked the angle what he was writing. The angle replied that he was noting down the names of those who loved Allah. Upon inquiring whether his name was among them, Abu was told by that it was not. Abu then humbly requested the angle to record his name in list. Afterwards, the angle recorded and disappeared. The next night, the angle reappeared and showed him the list with his name at the top.