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What’s Love Got to Do with It?

**Hook**

Love is a maddening emotion; as a result, it inspires many poets to create interesting ways of expressing it. Often we find ourselves loving someone in spite of her quirky characteristics. John Frederick Nims’ “Love Poem” tells of a realistic love, one where he loves someone despite her craziness. The speaker of the poem talks to his significant other and describes how clumsy she is in destroying and breaking things like vases and glasses. She is not graceful with anything fragile. However, she is good at making awkward people feel more comfortable, like people who seek refuge at their house or a drunken person who needs to be steadied. He explains that her abrupt movements and sudden changes of mind wreak havoc for taxi drivers and streetcars. She is always late and in the wrong place. However, she does fit in saying nice things and making people feel loved. As a result, she makes most people love her. She spills all sorts of things like coffee and bourbon and smears lipstick on coats, but we remain happy with her unbroken love. The speaker then says to her, stay with me, dear. He just loves her so much and doesn’t want to be without her. Nims’ endearing tone reveals the idea that though his partner may be imperfect, the speaker (and all the fun things in the world) would die if she did, too.

**Thesis ends Intro!**

**Paraphrase your poem.**

**Bridge to your poem**

**THESIS:** The poem \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ uses a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tone to reveal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.