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Creative Project

And lo behold a short time ago,
I found ye, my love please don't ever go
yea though the world doth say
Your love won't last or stay
Thou art mine, my love thou
shalt never go away.
Behold the stars in heaven above
yea doth no shine like you my love
But I know that thy love holds true
Thou art my gift from heaven above
yea may I always be surrounded
by thy love. Believest thou there
words of truth, yea I love no other
one but you.

Analysis of Creative Project

William Shakespeare began composing sonnets in 1593. In Shakespeare's sonnets his main figure is called Will. Through out the sonnets Will experiences various life changing situations from sexual relations and love to evil and pain. Shakespeare's sonnets are very inspirational, even though they were written centuries ago. Shakespeare's Hamlet influenced me to write a sonnet from Ophelia's point of view at the begining of the play.

The first half of the sonnet is about how Ophelia feels about Hamlet. The good times spent with Hamlet have been very short and all of the sudden have come to an end. Everyone in Ophelia's world is telling her that Hamlet could never truly love her, because she is not of high rank. Since Hamlet is of high rank he is subject to the desires of the state. In which case Hamlet would be forced to break Ophelia's heart. Laertes and Polonius, Ophelia's father are merely looking out for the reputation that their family name would have if Ophelia were to lose her virginity to Prince Hamlet. They do not realize that what they are telling Ophelia will cause tragic consequences in Ophelia's life, as well as in their own lives. Since Polonius forbids Ophelia to have any relations with Hamlet, Hamlet begins to believe that Ophelia is not honest nor is she faithful. which leads him to tell her that she belongs in a whorehouse, and that he never did love her. He also denies ever giving her any gifts. Ophelia is very upset, and does not understand why Hamlet would tell

her such lies. Ophelia and Hamlet should have had a better form of communication, because if they did they may have been able to straighten out this dilemma without having to lose their lives.

The second half of this sonnet is about Ophelia's need to believe that Hamlet's love is really true. Because if her brother and father are right in what they are saying to her about Hamlet's love for her, she knows what she will have to do---commit suicide. In the 16th century it was a major crime to have premarital sex, and even though Shakespeare does not specifically state that Ophelia had lost her virginity to Hamlet, it is vaguely implied. Ophelia's emotions and her behavior are uncontrollable at this time. She has no female friends to help her through this life threatening time.

Ophelia has to deal with a very difficult problem, and the times she is living in does not help one bit. She lost her mother and has now only her father and brother. So, in a sense she is trapped and has to deal with her brother's and her father's restrictive demands, which are contradictory to the demands of her lover.

William Shakespeare was an excellent writer. Play's that were written by him centuries ago, are still being performed today. Also, college courses are being taught specifically on his works. In conclusion, William Shakespeare will be a great inspiration on many generations to come.