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Period 5

Careless Whisper

In my first final polished piece, I am going to talk about the message of Careless Whisper by George Michael, which is if you lose someone you truly love, your heart is going to shatter to pieces forever. This is very relevant to the present because dozens of people die due to coronavirus and many of their beloved ones become extremely dismal. People like these might never do things again they used to do with their beloved ones after breaking down spiritually. Any activities they decided to stop doing are symbolized by dancing in the song.

Now I will introduce an example of an imaginary old couple based on the lyrics in order to show why Careless Whisper is relevant to today. I will describe both of their perspectives. The story took place in a hospital. The woman did not get a breathing machine because she and her husband were already in their seventies. She lied on the staircase of the hospital, choking, her whole body burning on fire from fever. The world around her was blurrier than the greatest mist from tears. She tried to scream for a nurse or a doctor, but no voice came out on her throat, which was not quite a throat anymore but a hole full of flames.

Her husband was trying to push through the huge roaring crowd without knowing who had the virus and who did not. “Tonight the music seems so loud I wish that we could lose this crowd” (Careless Whisper). He cared about nothing but the life of his wife. He was willing to do anything just to save her, whatever the risks. Nothing motivated him but the sentence “Please stay” (Careless Whisper). He tried to get the attention of a doctor or a nurse by yelling and waving at them, pointing toward her dying wife, but they were just avoiding him. He looked back over his shoulder in the eyes of his wife which were all “sad good-byes” (Careless Whisper). Suddenly tears formed in his eyes and trickled down on his cheek, falling on his shirt one by one. He rubbed his eyes to wipe his teardrops away, but when he opened them he saw his wife collapse on the stairway. Suddenly the roar of the crowd around him faded and, at that point, the poor old man decided never to dance again. “As the music dies, something in your eyes Calls to mind the silver screen And all its sad good-byes I'm never gonna dance again” (Careless Whisper). She lied on the stairway like Snow White -- motionless like a doll and beautiful like a peacock. The more he looked at her, the more distressed he became, wondering, “The way I danced with you Never without your love” (Careless Whisper). All of a sudden everything started spinning around him. His heart was thumping in his throat as if he swallowed a clock and he felt like he was going to throw up. He could not think about anything but the way he danced with her. “So I'm never gonna dance again The way I danced with you Now that you're gone... you had to leave me alone” (Careless Whisper).

What I meant by this example is there are so many broken hearts scattered all around the world right now you cannot even imagine it. I wrote this to make you grasp the fact that the hardships the characters in the story went through are real -- if you did not notice already. Not only do I mean physical pain by hardships, but also spiritual pain. My example shows each of these clearly, and it is based upon Careless Whisper, so as you can see, Careless Whisper is relevant to the present.