

The Great Stone Face II

Introduction

Ernest still lived in his native valley. He was a simple hearted man. He always worked for the betterment of the world. Though he was considered to be an ordinary man yet he was humble and rich in thoughts.

Fame

With the passage of time, Ernest became old. He had wise thoughts in his mind. He had become famous all over the world. Men came from distant places to see and speak to him. The Poet A new poet had appeared on earth while Ernest had been growing old. The poet was a native of Ernest's valley but had stayed in distant cities for a long period. Ernest happened to read his songs. He thought the poet must bear likeness with the Great Stone Face. He lifted his eyes to the mountain. The face seemed to smile, but did not answer.

The Famous Poet and Ernest

The poet had heard of Ernest's character. One day, he came to his door. Ernest was reading a book and glancing lovingly at the mountain from time to time. Ernest gave him shelter for the night. The Great Stone Face looked kindly at the poet. The poet found Ernest, wise, gentle and kind. Ernest was also moved by the poet's mind. It seemed the Great Stone Face was bending forward to listen to the poet. Ernest examined the poet's features. He hoped the poet was the person he had been waiting for. The poet declared himself unworthy of the likeness of the Stone Face. His life was different from his poems.

Ernest is Stone Face

Ernest used to speak to his neighbours every evening. The poet also accompanied him. The poet listened to his talk. He felt that Ernest's life and character were a far nobler kind of poetry than his own poems. Just then, the poet saw the Great Stone Face. He declared Ernest as the likeness of Great Stone Face. Everybody agreed with him.

Ernest's Hope

Ernest still hoped that someone wiser and better than himself would appear sometime, bearing a likeness to the Great Stone Face.