

Escapicisim from Darkness’ in Maya Angelou’s ‘Why I know the Caged Bird Sings’

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Abstract

Black Literature came into their own as writers during the late 1950s and 1960s. Following the winds of Independence that swept across Africa. Black women writers have made an enormous contribution to the world. Black women are color in Black but they are white as snow in their thoughts and minds. Many of these authors wrote during the Harlem Renaissance, a particularly vital time in African American arts and letters while others have been especially active since the 1970s. In their work the notes of love, loneliness, pain, sorrow, deep silence and escapism from darkness of Maya Angelou’s ‘I Know why the Caged Bird Sings’ is well structured.

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Introduction

Maya Angelou was one of the most important figures in the contemporary Black Literature. As a Poet, actress, memoir, writer and one of the American Civil Rights Movements. She was depicted as brave women in Black Literature. Her style of writing is unique and features with courageous works that today’s understanding. Women must be needed. Black Women writer’s thoughts and views are welcome to the Modern World. Black Literature. The writings help in understanding the world around us as well as what is to be meant the Black. This work Escapism deals with one’s sexual harassment in her Childhood days. Reeling from the impact of the trauma of her sexual assault and realizing the power of the words to cause even death, she went into a deep silence for five years. This work helps the women to get power over darkness around us.

Escapicisim From Darkness

Women is the pivot of the family and actress of the society. The stage is given for her to show the different type of roles as a Mother- in -law .daughter- in – law, a sister, a friend and a wife, who beautifies the world. The man is incomplete without woman. For these sayings are can hear all around us.

But in really what is woman? What is the role in the society and man's life? For searching these answers are must go to study of women as becoming a woman in under to steal her heart Maya Angelou was one of the unreadable. Book that can across sorrow suffering trauma, pain mentally tortured, physically handicapped but yet won the battle with her healthy thoughts in mind. 'Never Give Up'. It was her slogan. During her past life the caged Bird could not sing because it has no voice, the sound has taken the wings had been cut off ,there was a no sky for to fly all around .There was no any freedom where she can sing a song in her own song, just because She was raped in Arkansas USA by her mother's friend during her childhood days. . The impact of the trauma of her sexual assailant and realizing the power of words to cause even death. She went into a deep silence for five years, speaking to no one but her brother. After a deep silence the caged bird started to sing with help of her neighbor Mrs. Bertha Flower was the Aristocrat Black Stamps. She showed the power and value of life being a female child. The Maya Angelou portrays Mrs. Flower as she was the aristocrat of Black Stamps in modern days. She had the grace of control to appear wars in the coldest weather and on the Arkansas summer days. And Mrs. Flower deserted for those beautiful lives. The light has come to mould the deserted and rejected soul who was unnoticed in the world around. The action of Mrs. Berths Flower so graceful and in exclusive benign.Mrs Flowers was merging and melting the future of Maya. LIKE women in English novels who walked the moors with their royal dogs, racing at a respected distance .Selected lines that must be noted in the text for Mrs. Flower by Maya Angelou ...

.....'Come and walk along with the Marquerite' I could not have refused even if I wanted to she pronounced my name so nicely Or more correctly she spoke each word with such clarity that I was certain foreign who did

not understand English could have understand. These must be noted as a woman of love patience, and passion for truth. Mrs. Flower framed Maya Angelou within the colorful frame'.

Opportunity Was Not Missed

The golden opportunity played a great role in Maya Angelou's life. The meaning of the tears can be explained by those who went through the trauma. A black girl in her childhood days lost her speech, her dream and her life. But taking a failure as a first stepping stone for success is always welcomes. It s well said 'the essence escapes but its aura remain,' the new invitation for new opportunity was not missed by Maya. These are lines that I want to quote....'I was liked and I ran down the hill and into the road and had the good sense to stop running before I reached the store. Mrs. Flower un conditional love spread all round herlife.She was thought believing in God in all her ways, She felt even though she walks in the shadow of death she will not fear of darkness. For God the Lord is her comforter and a strong mountain.' The inspiration things she learned from her Momma. 'Jesus was the way, the truth and the light,'

Conclusion

Here is a book as joyous, painful and memorable as childhood itself. I know the caged bird sings captured the longing of the lonely child in Arkansas USA.These lines from Maya:

**A free bird leaps
On the back of the mind
And floats downstream
till the current ends
And dips his wring
In the orange sun ray
And dares to claim the sky**

**But a bird that stalks
down his never cage
can seldom see through
his bars of cage
his wings n clipped and
his wings an clipped and
his feet are tied
So he opens his throat to sing....**

Tracing the fight for equality and women's right through poetry. The struggle for social justice remembered through above poetry these poetry lines.

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