

## **GLORY at TWILIGHT -by Bhabani Bhattacharya**

### **THEME:**

'Glory at Twilight' is a story about Satyajit, an honest, hardworking man. Born in a humble village home self educated, struggle had been his life breath. He is leading a prosperous, cheerful life, he is happy with his wife and new born child. He has risen in life from ashes to glory but finds himself shorn of his wealth, status and peace of mind at one stroke of destiny. The life that he has so carefully built, lying in shreds around him, but wants to taste glory one last time and decides to go to his village where he is still regarded as a millionaire, to attend a wedding. But his attempt to taste glory for one last time proves more disastrous than anything he could have ever imagined. After his economic downfall, he goes to the village to attend marriage of daughter of uncle Srinath, a neighbour at a village where uncle demanded a huge amount of money so that he could give dowry in his daughter's marriage. Unknowingly that his business was at downfall. But when uncle Srinath did not get any money Satyajit, went to moneylender where he mortgages the only property left with him, his house in village, which was the only thing he could gift to his wife and newly born child. The story shows how Satyajit gives away even his last property left to help his uncle. The author has beautifully depicted the glory Satyajit used to cherish earlier and his situation after his economic downfall.

The title is well justified as Satyajit is able to taste the glory even after his economic downfall.

### **SATYAJIT'S CHARACTER SKETCH:**

Satyajit was a tall, thin, near forty, having sharp features, the hair receding wide in wide shiny smooth patches characteristics he was honest, hard working man. Born in a humble village home, self educated, struggle had been in his life breath. His heart felt pain for lack of air when a person tried to withdraw money from some others account.

Instances from story show that he loved his wife. He was also very sympathetic. He could have refused to give any help to his uncle but he did help him out by mortgaging his house in village which was the only thing he possessed after his economic downfall. Even though he had a new born child and had nothing but then he also helped his uncle. He was a self esteemed person, since he could not confess to people that he was no more a millionaire as after knowing people will no more respect him and will not get that honour from people.