Pablo Neruda: Life and Work

Short Essay

Pablo Neruda was born on 12th of July, 1904 in Chile. His real name was Neftali Ricardo Reyes Basoalto. His pen named is inspired by a Czech poet Jan Neruda. Pablo won Nobel Prize in Literature in 1971. His mother as a teacher who died soon after his birth. Neruda`s father was a railway employee. Neruda is known for his poetry which he has started at the age of 10. A critically acclaimed poet whose poetry crossed the borders and made his place in hearts of people. Many consider that his poetry is very hard to translate into English and his work available in the English language is only a small part of his work. Among his notable work which can be mentioned Cien Sonetos that was published in 1959, a collection of poems dedicated to his wife. Memorial de Isla Negra is also a notable work of Pablo Neruda which was an autobiographical character published in five volumes (Becker, 2010).

Among his famous work, some of his poem I have selected for this essay. One of his poems,” A Dog has died.” In the poem, Neruda described his dog as his dog has died and he described his death so dramatically by picturing his grave in the garden. As he is also expressing his sorrow in a way that one day he will also follow his dog in the grave. He is also mentioning the fact that almost all human beings believe in heaven and he also believes in that heaven. Neruda described himself as a materialist who does not believe in heaven yet he also believe that he will meet his dog in heaven where they can be again together. In the third stanza, Neruda speaks about his friendship with his dog. Neruda said he has never climbed over my coat or rubbed his body against my knees but he also understands me as a close friend understand each other. I would prefer this poem and also recommend others to read as the poem manages to touch those things where people can somehow not notice. As Neruda said that his dog used to gaze at me as if he is paying attention to me. And on the other hand, Neruda knows that his dog is only wasting his time but kept on looking making Neruda believe of his presence. We can say that Neruda expresses his emotions about his dog and as he is sad for his demise but the poem also reflect the artistry of a great writer who posturized his life so beautifully with his dog. The reader could reach the poet expression through his words and that makes him a great writer (Neruda, 2015).

Considering his other poems such as Widower`s Tango, Discoverers and Fantom of the Freighter contains such artistically classical elements which take the reader to his waste imagination. Neruda died at the age of 69 on September 23, 1973, in Santiago, Chile (Baca, 2006).

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