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## Novel in verse Of modern and true love

While we were studying our classes, Inspired by the books of love, And clearly seeing all life's dullness, While having left our years behind.

And then without any notice Among the daily fuss and stir This event suddenly arose, Of which you further will be told.

Please meet my heroes: they are splendid, So beautiful in their youth, They still don't know even a bit, That it's of them we tell the truth.

I probably will start with the heroine: No, not in Moscow she was born, In countryside where she was living, Her early days had slowly gone.

In dullness. Though her parents loved her, Praised every moment, all her steps And they were saving for a dowry, For worthy life, as good as that.

Days passing by, she became bored Among her family and friends, And then she urgently resolved To flee from all these cloudy days.

So, for her soul edification And with the previous life at parting, Ahead, in hope and expectation She rushed off to the non-native town.

Where skyscrapers'rereflected in the puddles, Where are mercantile selfish creeps, Where girls are looking for a husband, Without any love to feel.

Forgive me, oh, mysterious reader, Forgot the most important thing, It's time to show her appearance, Describe our lovely heroine.

She was a beauty, that's for sure And there's no need in any words, So tall, with hair to midshoulder, So brave, with tongue just like a sword.

She did not like the others' twitting And treasured kindness in the folk And name that destiny had given To her, had clear meaning «Hope».

It seemed to Nadya there were plenty Troubles to find a chosen one But this impression was deceptive (I'll tell you how it had begun)

While in the capital, so heartless, Because of job that couldn't be found, She, like a bird, so free and lovely Was mixed with local party crowd.

Where serenity is reigning
And parties are until the dawn
At places, where for time-wasting,
They want to meet someone unknown.

In clubs for whole days she was drifting, And, tried to find the sense in this. As if her conscience woke from sleeping, Searched for acquaintance without risk,

And with some profit. This occurred: These idle days came to an end She found the support, to be sure, Due to her close and faithful friends.

A job she suddenly was offered At Moscow company, one of all Where they hired tag, rag and bobtail Where chance for luck is quite a small.

Nadezhda wasn't upset: she started Working so hard all her days long And soon she saved for a new apartment, She entered into a certain loan.

It seemed like nothing else was lacking With such success that she had reached:

The things went smoothly, coherently, All was perform without a hitch.

And then one day in the park, just where She walked her way in the moonlight Feeling so fine, so bright and dared, Our hero chanced to catch her sight.

With a friend he went on, laughing, Approaching closely Nadya's dream And suddenly, a little frightened, He saw his fortune in the gleams.

And time stood still. The moment lasted, His could not turn away his eyes, From her. Time was so small for realizing Things that occurred as surprise.

She smiled at him, her smile was dazzling. And, seeing him near on the path, Just once again she in amazement Turned to him, and he merged with crowd.

This moment was when two hearts' beating Was heard in spite of vanity,
To fall in love was meant this meeting
To overcome the calamity.

Yes, that's of course was love at first sight, About which the songs are sung And even if it's so demanded, This gift is not for everyone.

But let's get back at our hero: With all the courage that he had, Having seen such a girl so near, He slowly followed all her steps.

And having pulled right from his pocket The banknote, he shouted out loud: «Wait, girl, here money you've dropped. That I occasionally have found».

And Nadia, seeing that's a joke
And thinking she could join the play.
Said: «Well, here's the money I have dropped,
But where and how – I can't tell..."

Their hearts were beating so insane.

They looked into each other's face. And even a friend then went away And left them standing at that place.

They summer park was looking brightly, So let her soul in evening time Rest with the soul of him in silence, When lasts this dream with all its charm.

Street lanterns were so brightly twinkling Leaves whispered something to the wind, And bird was marvelously singing And love inspired everything.

So, they went on, and trees were dancing, And passers-by, casting down their eyes, Were so surprised, extremely jealous About the destiny's surprise.

All this didn't matter. They didn't care: About someone's glimpse or other things, And Nadya suddenly remembered That hadn't known the name of him.

"Since we are barely acquainted,

- She started talking openly,

And you up to curry favor,

Please tell your name to me"

Without stringency our hero
So simply turned to her and told:
"My name is Dmitriy, or just Dima —
If you prefer this name to call."

And they continued conversation, About everything in life This moment had some queer sensation, In which they were entirely plunged.

New day was dawning, they felt sorrow, The talk was ended, though it was time For him to see her off, the night was over, He couldn't stand their first goodbye.

«I have one place for you to show, All Moscow for this day belongs To us, although this place isn't known, This secret seems to be so close…» And then, without hesitation, Without telling empty words, Agreed this heavenly creation, And went with him along the road.

They came to clean and tidy shore, And here meet the new day's dawn The Moscow-river slightly murmured, And lovers here were alone.

Oh, Heaven! This indeed was lovely — To watch this action to begin When in the sky the sun was rising: Fight with the night it had to win.

Sky in purple-colored dressing, And rays were spreading all around, The sun was shining and caressing, Touched everything that very night.

Our hero, gathered all his strength, And having found the better minute All doubts gone, just like a wicked fate, He's not afraid, no shame, no fear.

He came so closely to her And gave his darling tender hugging And with his voice, so mannish, gentle, low He said her just three words: «I love you…»

No answer. And she held her breath, Her soul was singing very loud: Such guys aren't easy to be met The better life isn't easy to be found.

She touched him with a pretty smile, Just as before, and none of them pretended, The fate indulged them for little while, This minute when the first kiss happened.

They stood there just for little while, With joy in their eyes, so lovely and so happy, It was the time to say goodbye, They weren't asleep of what had happened

To them. Her home wasn't near. They finally approached it, and then For the acquaintance to be clear, He took her contacts, then he went. And at parting at her doorway, For decent manner to be kept, Nadezhda said to her companion The words he hardly could forget.

#### Nadezhda:

"I want to tell that all was splendid, I thank our fortune for this chance, Such a great evening we've been spending Hope we'll meet not only once."

That's how our heroes parted, And Dmitriy, going silently away, Thought that their relations started, And life inevitably changed.

Again I left without attention My story of the hero's life, All his background information That our hero cannot hide.

He lived in Moscow, studied there He got just all desired things, In family so loving and caring There's no impossible for him

And since his early age was clear His strong devotion to the science The education he was given, So that he wouldn't miss his chance.

He was respectful to his parents And once he reached his adult age, He started business, very hefty With friends of his, whom he engaged.

Creative services they offered, They worked all day and all night long, From nature sculpted their models And then they used these works to earn.

They had the profitable orders, The money were the thickest piles, And when the place was overloaded, They found a house in countryside. So, while he had the certain talent, And also money for him to burn, He wished at last, as he was telling To raise the family of his own.

His sporty image and his figure, And jogging in break of dawn, Weren't bringing closer, as it figured His cherished dream. He stayed alone.

So, meeting Nadia was a wonder It woke all feeling now in him, He didn't see above or under The dating that new day would bring.

All thoughts were captured by his Nadya, Her smile that seemed for him so bright, Like new and shining heavenly body, Beam of the only source of light.

With such a thought his walk wasn't hasting And finally reached his home as well, This day was great, it was not wasted, And with this thought asleep he fell.

The daylight's breaking through the curtains The beams of new, just started day But Dmitriy's sleeping without notice Of this, he still is far away.

But then he heard his mobile buzzing It woke him up from all sweet dreams. 'Well, who is calling here that nasty?' — He thought at first, and then it seemed,

It was his friend to whom last evening He talked when strolling in the park. And who arranged the sudden meeting, And disappeared in the dark.

#### Friend:

'Hi, buddy, was the evening merry? Come on; just tell what you can't hide. Last evening, probably you married, I went away. You had your time.'

#### **Dmitriy:**

'What I can tell... Well, I can tell you nothing Here is true and simple thing: Who meets such girl is surely a lucky, Of such a chance one can just dream.

Just understand, that she's is the only, She stands apart from those chicks, With whom before, with time for burning, Success for us was guaranteed'.

#### Friend:

'My friend, you're probably, in love, This look I clearly remember, These eyes, which glimpse is very shy, And which will follow her forever'.

#### Dmitriy:

'You know, illusion was unmeasured, Was nice to me, and I enjoyed Each moment of this greatest pleasure, Distinguishing her from them all. Well, all those minutes we were near, I still want them now to return, To look into her eyes, so dear, The greatest thing I ever learnt'.

#### Friend:

'It is unusual to hear,
I am glad for you in anyway,
The words of love are surely thrilling
But now what can be your plans?
Perhaps I can be of some help?
Though it is really unexpected,
The night is now to be arranged
In a romance that has just happened'.

#### Dmitriy:

'Oh, thank you, brother, for compassion,
A friend's shoulder is the greatest thing
But this will be my own action,
While my own heart is filled with heat.
All these thoughts – they are not foreign,
To me, I don't want to be too quick,
It is rather needed to explore
What gift's for her and where it can be picked?'

#### Friend:

'My friend, there's no need to worry, You know I am keen on that: What gifts girls now are preferring, Which will be nice for them to get'.

#### **Dmitriy:**

'Today I'll see her, it is the high time For you offer something, so come on, This is the matter, where is nothing Like trouble, help, it is your turn!'

#### Friend:

'I can go to some pet market, And take for you a high-bred puppy — Your gift will bring a lot of smiles, To make her face even more nice'.

#### Dmitriy:

'I think, it's quite a good invention, While I get ready, and you'll quit And, having skill in your possession, Just buy. I'll come to terms with it'.

#### Friend:

'All right, then a little bit later A lovely puppy I will bring, Just keep your mood and make it better: Her love is close as now it seems'.

Hours going by, the minutes jumping, Still Dmitriy thinks about, Whether his present will be lucky What is the next event to come.

And how to arrange the meeting, And having pulled his mobile phone He writes: 'Meeting's of great meaning!' So keeping the amorous tone.

She is answering to him in time: I'll be glad now just as then

To meet with you again, I'm at home, waiting. Bye'.

And now with the gift he's dashing Our winged fellow straight to her, A puppy in his hands is nestling, As a friend and devoted poser.

Nadezhda meets them, opens the door, Seeing a lovely living toy, She's happy, she has got no more, Words, only tears of joy.

#### Nadezhda:

'I didn't expect it, really, Dima, We met one day before, I see, That life became entirely different, He'll be devoted guard for me'.

#### **Dmitriy:**

'And I suggest a celebration In the restaurant today we'll go. Then visit is to river-boat station We'll see all Moscow parks and shores.

#### Nadezhda:

'Of course, I am agreeing, I will be ready in a while, And if we come back in evening For me it surely will be fine'.

On the water surface Reflection of the stern is twinkling, And in the race, the wave is splitted, And joy, and consolation causes The nature filled with better feelings.

Now they are waiting for their orders. Which waiter brings right here – aboard, The landscapes, grand and unexplored, Like in a greenery, while they float.

#### **Dmitriy:**

"Nadezhda, see, what I know now

About you it really not too much While in the park we met somehow, Our fate exactly was as such.

What hopes and plans you cherished In life before our meeting there, And had your heart been captured? What troubles were for you to care?"

#### Nadezhda:

"My life went silently and worthy: Assiduous study, parents' home, Then it became just somewhat boring, I found no place in it anymore

I went to Moscow for career
I found a job, plunged into it,
I had no time for love arranging here,
No time for friends, who finally quit.

And you? What can you tell me now? Can you confess in love affairs, and which? The question is the same for you: tell, how Many girls you managed to bewitch?"

#### Dmitriy:

"My story is so much resembling Yours, I duly studied, then I worked, And truly, at those time went dating Can't tell you just what it was for. When I met you, it went unreal. How much time's lost in emptiness, To look into your eyes is little, Is not enough for me, I guess."

#### Nadezhda:

"You aren't alike all those
To whom I chanced to talk before?
By this love's trespass, I suppose,
I have been caught, don't know what for.

Your openness is a caress for my soul, And I confess to you the thought of mine: I'll follow you even when it's cold No matter where, and how and why." While they discussed each other's story, And gentle words of love they found, The dinner for them was being serving, From such a plenty their heads went round.

For all these things were his arrangement, And this was for her surprise So let it be champagne and candles, Wine poured slowly in the glass.

#### Dmitriy:

"I drink a toast to the splendid evening, Which is continued now, today, And after all, had this meeting I hope, just for the happiness' sake."

#### Nadezhda:

"This moment the was really long-awaited And now I agree with you again Let happiness of our be painted With love, for years, not in vain!"

Onlookers go round, near and far There's so much envy in their eyes, As if this couple were the stars And each their movement was a surprise.

But no! This is rarely to happen, When love in brought to us by fate, It's pity for the ones, for sure: Who read this and... don't understand.

#### **Dmitriy:**

"And now along the park we're swimming, The park where suddenly we've met It's like a mystery beginning: One thought and it's in front of me."

#### Nadezhda:

"Look...place on the left shore, where, You took me then to see the sunrise..."

#### **Dmitriy:**

"... Now if I only dare,
Onboard I would repeat it twice."

They laugh, and they cannot view Where they're so calmly floating, And Dmitriy thinks: "To tell the truth I'm sorry that our date was not appointed Much earlier. "It's high time they parted, The river boat stopped calmly in its quay, And everything ashore became so quiet, The only bell was ringing far away.

#### Dmitriy:

"And now we have to part again, It's hard to wait, and then to part The things will be much easier, when We live together, we can start."

#### Nadezhda:

"You are so quick. I can't agree, Let's wait, though I don't know how, Or you've resolved to marry me? So let's go and register right now."

And so they go, and don't conceal That theme is pleasant and so close To them, that their smiles reveal And Dmitriy's sadness somewhere is lost,

#### Dmitriy:

"But you should think about it, Deception here can't be traced, Let's live together or you'll think Of seeing the sunrise at my place."

From these words, Nadezhda stepped, She clung to him, feeling so fine: «Seems like I fell into your trap, We'll meet the dawn at the place of mine"

The light breeze goes around the room. The clock goes on with muffled sound, The touching picture, colorful cartoon, When sleeping in embrace their belts down.

It is dawn, but they are sleeping sweetly. They don't know time inevitably runs, They hear each other' loud heart beating, Get rid of obstacles. And now it's done.

The Universe has lost its meaning, So peaceful and so calm they stay, So deep is their dream, that even The time is carrying them away. But suddenly something has fluttered, And from the table somewhere fell, Here woke up our lovely Nadya, Into the kitchen slowly went.

And there the puppy larks around, It's narrow place, where he's confined He craves so much to play with someone, The tablecloth is torn to parts.

She silences him, and gave him food, The special food for pets, And in her arms so gently took, And carried just right to her bed.

Because of all these displacements Our hero finally woke. He looks at them with much amazement By their game he was involved.

#### Dmitriy:

"What a funny boy! I like his temper Since my acquaintance with him Well, I presented you this plaything For our pleasure, as it seems."

#### Nadezhda:

"You said it! He's indeed a wowie, He needs a name now, I suppose, So clear-eyed is our puppy, Let's call him simply: Hey, Barbos."

#### Dmitriy:

"Well, my consent for this is given, The puppy's yours, the decision too. He crunches all and sundry here, — Give back my pants! He crumped them through."

#### Nadezhda:

"How quickly you got chummy, I shall say In you, perhaps, the master he can see, Just take a look! He's laid, his ears fell, He does show such humbleness to me."

#### **Dmitriy:**

"Well, now I'll go to my office I'll just see how the things are, It will be the concern of yours To care about this one so far."

#### Nadezhda:

"Well, it is weekend, you know that, Why do you need to rush somewhere? It sounds like after the night we had, You're ready to forget me, you don't care."

#### Dmitriy:

"What stupid thing you're you saying! I'll just complete the job, and then, Then I'll return to hug my baby!"

Our hero's running just like frenzied, With a silly smile for ear to ear, Today he was the number one, He dreams to see her, to be near.

Doors, elevator, open stairways — The endless corridor he walks, The office is perfect, anyway, For creativity and work.

The sculpture of Apollo is standing here, The drawings are on his desk, And Cupid here is looking from the picture, The draw-tube is in the case somehow pressed.

He opens windows, he sits down. Looks through the papers, left unsorted, The easel, covered with the dust, Stands near the window, color-spotted.

And in this heap, which was not so easy, Was only one layout that he took, He fastened it so tightly to the easel, And a sculpture was to change its look.

His friend went into the door,
They were acquainted from the students' years,
He startled instantly to talk
About business and affairs.

#### Colleague:

"You did not answer all last evening, You probably couldn't hear us..." The customer was at the meeting It was our order to."

#### **Dmitriy:**

"Well, yes, there was an urgent matter, Complete this order without me My presence will not make it better, If we are speaking openly."

#### Colleague:

"The customer was so displeased, He craved to meet with you in person, We told him that you had decease, But finally he approved your cursive."

#### **Dmitriy:**

"So, everything's alright, I guess,
So now let me sort these drawings,
For otherwise in the such mess
They will be left without knowing.
And tell me, why aren't you at home?
It's weekend now, as you see,
Or is it here the matters that go wrong,
Then let's solve it here, you and me."

#### Colleague:

"Oh no, it's not that urgent, Nothing but accuracy is important, In sculpture, certain rules we should comply, For our customers know what they buy."

#### Dmitriy:

"Oh, there's indeed no need to worry, I'll talk to the customer myself, You'd take a look here at this color, Which in the drawing I've changed."

#### Colleague:

"Well, now it's looking somewhat better, If yesterday right here you were, We'd finally resolved the matter, This morning we'd begin this work."

#### Dmitriy:

"Now there's a challenge, important to me For one girl I want to make While my luck is where it should be

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