



## COMMITMENT AND NUPTIALS IN MARITAL LIFE IN VIKRAM SETH'S *THE GOLDEN GATE* AND *AN EQUAL MUSIC*

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### ABSTRACT

*Vikram Seth (born June 20,1952) is an Indian poet, novelists, travel writer, librettist, children's writer, biographer and memorists. His novels are The Golden Gate, A Suitable Boy, An Equal Music and The Arion and Dolphin. The Golden Gate and An Equal Music, both of these novels present the same argument as the Love and Marriage. The Golden Gate revolves round the frequent human search for love, affection and a sense of belong. An Equal Music present the theme of love and marriage and its connotation in man's life. In the novels lovers are alienated and end in catastrophe.*

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### INTRODUCTION

The Golden Gate novel is a story of feel fondness in favor of and hate of a group of persons, their common adjustment, reaction and reconciliations, planning, and rearrangement of interaction. It soar above the other public places and monument, a representation of resources imagination, passion forward serenity and love for continued existence and pleasure and generous the novel. It is one of the classical equipment of all comedyman's search for love and the a variety of mishap that occur him in the way of the explore, even though the have a rest of the novel lead less to the customary clown finish and amazing sorrow.

An Equal Music novel absent the theme of love and music runs all together. Both love and music play human emotion and the themes are interwoven together. The hero love for



heroine, is not characterized by stability, agreement and serenity but patent by that "One equal communion and identity". The theme of the novel is also a basic human need for loving life partner, who has the traits of accepting, endurance, charity and adjustment is powerfully bring elsewhere.

## INTRODUCTION

*The Golden Gate* (1986) is a novel in free verse about the lives of a number of young professional in San Francisco. The novel is written completely in Onegin stanzas after the Aleksandr Pushkin's Eugene Onegin. Seth has encounter Charles Johnston's 1977 conversion of it in a Stanford second-hand bookstore and it changed the direction of his livelihood, irregular his center from intellectual to fictional work.

Seth's third novel *An Equal Music* (1999), set in a fashionable Europe, focus on the lives of classical musicians and their music. Some readers and critics criticize that Michael, the protagonist, was simply not a likeable (or unlikeable) enough character to sustain interest throughout a extensive novel and that the center of attention on the music for its own sake can be trying the inexperienced.

The Golden Gate is a tragic love story of 26 years-old, John Brown, a high-tech computer executive, who works in nuclear research, guide it seems that acquisitively, easy life but it is disadvantaged of real happiness, enjoyment and pieces in mind. There is blankness, boredom, discontent, restless accompanying person lessens and lifelessness' in his life. He is in search of love as an remedy for being alone.

An Equal Music is a novel of 381 pages which give details of the relation of a British Musician, Michael Holme, 37 years old and his concentrated love for a woman, who is separated from him due to inflammation achievement and then after 10 years again by chance he meets and loves her and finally misplace her everlastingly and his regular improvement of personality and expressive addition with 270 years old, Carlo Taton Italian Violin. Vikram Seth has on loan the thought of writing a novel from Greek legendry story of Eurydice and Orpheus. Orpheus was a god in Greek folklore and was a huge musician. He was in love with a good-looking woman, Eurydice, but on the wedding day she die.

In The Golden Gate John ex-girl friend, Janet Hawakaya is of Japanese descent, who is sculptor by line of work and is a drummer in punk group fluid follower and her aspiration is to achieve distinction. John and Janet meet in a hotel and she places a personal announcement for a travel companion on behalf of John. In reply, there are many letters. He selects three woman meets them and to end with his option is Elizabeth Dorati, a 27 years spirited, blue eyed , well-rounded blonde and a daughter of Italian refugee creeper cultivator. Later John and Liz live collectively in a house. Liz has a pet cat Charlemagne. she is Roman Catholic



Christian and ex-Stanford law legal representative. They move in habitation. Their love life go on efficiently but then comes in among them, Philips a Jew, 28 years old, who has not here the Job of nuclear engineer in Diatonic and Now devotes himself to Anti-nuclear society. He has conjugal in the past with Claire, a Christian, who isolated him for author man. He has a six years old son, Paul. Phil has homosexual relationship with Edward Dorati, younger brother of Liz. The friendship between Jan and Phil enlarge and she detachment from John.

In An Equal Music The novel's eight division communicate to the eight comments in western classical Octave. The chant of the music carry on till the last part of the novel. Both love and music participate on individual passion and the interweave mutually. For the hero and the heroine, music is not just trade, it is their avocation and it has the authority to come together them further than the limitations vertical by the humanity. For Michael, the heroine, Julia is not only the love of natural time but she is the very soul of music although their love is on only physical level. In spite of her double faithfulness Julia is as unable to help and ineffective, as in Michael to oppose falling in to twisted loveliness of their love.

In The Golden Gate, as a final point, Liz marries phil, liz gives favorite to marry a 'father like person, who has married life. Vikram Seth wants to say that only such relationship between man and woman stay alive which is foundation on shared conviction, sympathetic and alteration. Liz decides to marry a man, who has knowledge of marriage and has fathered a son. Liz in reality loves John, but marries phil. Her decision is based on reasons and not passions Ed also cease his homosexual relationship with phil. Again, John is alone and his friendship and love with Jane is invigorated. He find out that Jane has always loved him. He finds love in his own heart band he overcomes all the complexity which he has straight all approximately those friends, who loved him.

In An Equal Music, Michael Holme is an emotionally volatile musician, unusual and a man manner action. He studies under a well-known music prof. Carlkall at Vienna, in Austria, Europe. Here he cascade in love with Julia Mc Nicoll, a British student of music. Their love bloom and they enjoy music, love and sex. Micheal disagree with Prof. Kall and finds the surroundings unpleasant cruel and he foliage Vienna rapidly without even notify Julia, which results in their taking apart. When Micheal proceeds to regular life to get in touch with Julia, he finds that Julia has gone from him eternally. Julia is married to an American Banker, James Hansen from Boston, U.S.A for nine years and they have a seven years old son, Luke. When Julia is selected to work for Maggone, Micheal is delighted. Julia is allowed by her husband for a recital in Vienna to perform Schubert's The Trout. They move from London to Vienna and they get an chance to remember the part of love. Micheal's love for Julia is not differentiate through balance, harmony and tranquility but manifest by that single alike unity and personality.

## CONCLUSION

In the novel Golden Gate the main story of John and Janet is narrator in terms of love, separation understanding and reinforcement of love and concluding loss. The require for loving partner in human life with qualities of understanding adjustments and even sacrifices is piercing elsewhere. The significance of man to man contact in person cannot be undervalued and it cannot be replaced by mobile or fax or another means of communications of contemporary technology. It has resulted into inexpensive, ghostly, confused anxious and horrible kind of life.

In brief An Equal Music presents the small social world of the musicians. The theme of the novel is also a basic human need for loving life partner, who has the qualities of understanding, patience, tolerance and adjustments is forcefully brought out. There is use of intersexuality. There are references to the poetry of metaphysical poet, John Donne. There is intersexuality in the novel employed at the moment of high emotional intensity of the hero, Michael. There are Biblical references to portray the Michael's state of mind as well as Man's existential problem in the postmodern age.

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