

Student Essay on Making Rash Decisions: "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"

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A decision that was made with no use of mental thought was displayed by an Ancient Mariner. A wedding guest had been asked to listen to a significant tale about the experience that one could never imagine. The story began as an innocent adventure on sea that came across

"An Albatross...

We hailed it in God's name.

I ate the food it ne'er had eat

And round and round it flew...

The Albatross did follow

And every day, for food or play."

The Ancient Mariner was extremely aware that this creature, The Albatross, was a creation of God, he hailed it as if it were a king. But it is as if, the mariner had become more fatigued by the frequent sight of it, which may have caused annoyed behaviour. After many days of being accompanied by the innocent bird, it came to a point where all the ship men yelled

"`God save thee, ancient Mariner!

From the fiends, that plague thee thus!--

Why look'st thou so""--- With my crossbow

I shot the ALBATROSS."

After all that has been done to honor Gods creation, it had seemed that the mariner had had enough and made no thought but to kill it at once. This then had created suffrage under sudden decisions

"And I had done a hellish thing,

And it would work `em woe:

For all averred, I had killed the bird

That made the breeze to blow.

Ah wretch! Said they, the bird to slay,

That made the breeze to blow!"

After all that was done, the ancient mariner had come to the finale that decisions are to be made by taking slow but solid steps. In conclusion to the tale, the mariner had realized the morality of making decisions, as did the character Victor, in the novel Frankenstein.