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Essay Outline

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Topic:

I. Introduction

A. Hook (grab readers attention)

“Its a love story, baby just say ‘Yes’”(Swift)

B. Thesis:

In *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock*, T.S Eliot repeats “there will be time”, “Do I dare”, and “How should I presume”, in order to convey the the dominant themes of the poem.

II. Body

A. Prufrock repeats the phrase “there will be time” to illustrate the theme of procrastination.

1. “Rubbing its back on the window-panes / There will be time, there will be time”(Eliot 25-26)

2. “There will be time to murder and create”(Eliot 28)

3. “In the room the women come and go / talking of Michelangelo,/and indeed there will be time”(Eliot 35-37)

B. Prufrock repeats the phrase “Do I dare” in order to convey a theme of lacking reassurance in one self.

- 1. “To wonder ‘Do I dare?’ / Time to turn back and descend the stair”(Eliot 38-39)**
- 2. “They will say: ‘But how his arms and legs are thin!’ / Do I dare”(Eliot 44-45)**
- 3. “Do I dare/Disturb the universe? / In a minute there is time/For decisions and revisions which a minute will reverse”(Eliot 44-48)**

C. Prufrock repeats the phrase “How should I presume” in order to convey a theme of uncertainty.

- 1. “I have measured out my life with coffee spots / I know the voices dying with a dying fall/Beneath the music from a farther room/So how should I presume?”(Eliot 51-54)**
- 2. “When I am pinned and wriggling on the wall/ Then how should I begin”(Eliot 58-59)**
- 3. “Arms that lie along a table, or wrap about a shawl. / And then should I then presume? / And how should I begin”(T.S Eliot 67-69)**

III. Conclusion

- A. All in all, the repeated phrases prove a habitual procrastinator, an unconfident man, and a constant belief of uncertainty with in ones self.**