

The Raven

In The Raven the main speaker is trying to find answers about the love of his life who has unfortunately passed away, but what he doesn't realize is that the questions he asks are only hurting him and make him even more miserable than he already is. One of the details that reveal how poorly he's taking the loss can be found in lines 10, 11, and 12. Where he clearly reflects and shows his deep sorrow and depression over the loss of Lenore. "From my books surcease of sorrow—sorrow for the lost Lenore, For the rare and radiant maiden whom the angels name Lenore—Nameless here forevermore." The speaker's biggest frustration though comes when he tries to get answers from the Raven about Lenore, but when the raven only replies with one word "Nevermore" it destroys him, As can be seen on lines 48, 54, 60, 66, 72, 78, 84, 90, 96, 100, 101, and 106. As the speaker starts to get even more frustrated he begins thinking of The Raven as a prophet of the devil or as the devil himself! (Line 85.) You can really see how poorly the speaker is taking the loss throughout the whole poem, but it comes through especially in the last few lines where he is furious with the raven and begins to scream demanding answers, but as time goes he fails to realize the raven won't budge and will only respond saying "Nevermore." and that destroys him and makes him even more miserable than he already is.