

A Song about Success

Many musicians write songs to express their feelings, opinions and also to share their life experiences. Some musicians write songs for movies to inject the film feel straight into the audience's heart. Well, I selected the song "Nuvvuani idhi Needani," written and composed by "Devi Sri Prasad" for the "Maharshi" movie. The message from this song is about the path of achievement of success. This song is dedicated to people who sacrifice their dreams for the sake of others being successful. "Nuvvuani Idhi Needani" means "Did you think it was you, it was yours" is awarded Nandi Award in India. The singer directly conveys the message to each person who's listening to the song rather than the group. That's why the word "you" is used many times in this song which focusing on every individual.

My first interpretation is based on the first verse. It talks about every succeeded individual whether their success was achieved by themselves or not. The first line "Did you think this is you, this is true, and this is all yours?" says everything you achieved is because of only yours's hard work. I think the singer is trying to prove that nothing can be achieved without seeking help from others. Someone helped you to reach your goal by standing your back all the time. Later, to support this line, "Kadhuga Nuvvanukundhi, Idhi Kadhuga Nuvvethikundhi," translated "No, this is not what you've thought or searched for" means you reached the end and whether you are happy with your ending or not. I believe the singer tells after being successful in your life whether everyone feels only it is because of their effort or someone helped them reach success. Everyone should not forget about people who always sacrifice their life for the sake of others. They might be parents, friends, or others who always

look themselves in others and give everything to you to become successful in life. They will only think about you and imagine themselves in you in every situation you are facing. Therefore, no one should ever forget these people after succeeding in their life.

My interpretation based on the second verse. The second verse mainly focuses on the acceptance of the fact that everyone will depend on others. I think the singer is trying to tell that it is not valid if anyone claims that victory can be achieved without seeking help from others. There should be at least some credit that goes towards the people who helps when we are in crisis. These points are explained in the second verse in the lines "Ye velu pattukuni Nerchedey nadakantey Ontarigaa nerchaada evadainaa" translated "If walking is about learning by holding a finger/Did anyone ever learn it on their own?". These lines directly project an image of son and parents, which clearly conveys that even a child learns walk from parents. The singer added a background chorus to support the above line, "O saayam andukuni Saagedhey brathukantey Ontarigaa brathikadaa evadainaa," translated "If you claim that life runs by receiving help. did anyone ever live alone?" is used which explains that nobody in the world lives alone. Everybody has some close connection with the people around them. There will be at least one situation in your entire life that will make the people around you take a small part of your success. Everyone should be ready to accept that no achievement is possible without the involvement of people who share a good bond with you. I have a personal connection with these lines. It is my dream to study in the USA and complete my bachelor's. I always focused on my studies and getting good grades in exams to come to the USA to pursue my final year of bachelor's. After I came to the USA, I felt something was missing in my achievement. I have realized the hard

work and sacrifices that my father made for me. My father has poured all his life savings into my dream without even questioning me. I didn't realize the role of my father in my journey of success. Based on the second verse, there is someone to sacrifice for other's success. No one should take full credit for their success. Some credit must be given to the people who take an essential part in their success.

My third interpretation is based on the third verse. The singer mainly focuses on the measures to correct the mistake of forgetting the people when successful. The first line and second line in the third verse "Gelupai O Gelupai, Nee Parugey Poorthainaa, / Gamyam Migiley Undhaa," translated "Even after you achieved victory by completing the sprint/ Is your destination still left to be reached?" which indirectly conveys something remains after achieving victory. There is still one part left for the final victory. I believe the final thing left for the victory is the showing gratitude to the people who is responsible for the success. I think the singer is trying to make everyone realize that after success, it is the right time to share victory with people who is always supporting in every situation. After expressing their happiness, the one who is succeeded will truly start to enjoy success. The third and fourth line in the verse 3 "Nuvvodhilesina ANuvvuani Ninnalaloki, Adugey Saagenaa, / Nuv Saadhinchina Santhoshaaniki, Ardham Thelisenaa," translated "Are your steps guiding you back to the past you left behind. / Have you understood the meaning of the happiness you've achieved?" is used support the above lines. I assume the singer is to convey that past should not be forgotten. If anyone forgets their past, then they are treated as failures even though after reaching their goal. I think it is because succeeded people won't feel satisfied unless they remember their past and identify the things that remain. The

singer is giving a clue by continuing to sing about the past in the song. The singer is trying to give a clue to the audience about the people who are left in the past. Real success can be felt when successful people cherish those left-over people. The last line in the third verse, "Nuv Saadhinchina Santhoshaaniki, Ardham Thelisenaa," translated "Have you understood the meaning of the happiness you've achieved?" is a smart lyric in the entire song. It makes the audience recap their whole life in their minds and makes them think about whether they have left anybody in their journey towards success. I believe the singer is raising a question in the audience's minds about whether they are really satisfied with their achievement.

Devi Sri Prasad used this song to tell people the importance of the leftover people in every success story. The song made everyone think about their success story and also made them think about their past. The song helped every successful individual to find their missing piece of happiness after succeeding in life. It also helps the youngsters by warning them that they should always cherish the people who always support them move forward in every situation. This song allows people to express their gratitude and continue to enjoy their successful life. Most people teach how to succeed in their lives, but only a few teach how to enjoy life after success. I think Devi Sri Prasad belongs to these few people category because of this song.