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The Browning Version

The present extract is from the play “The Browning Version” written by Terence Rattigan which is focused on a good but unpopular school teacher Mr. Crocker - Harris. It vividly brings about the agony of a dedicated teacher who has a strict attitude towards his students.

It starts with the conversation between a school boy Taplow and another teacher Frank. Teachers like Frank encourage student like Taplow to make comments on their fellow teachers. Frank asks Taplow not to wait for Crocker-Harris and leave. But Taplow waits for him.

In between Millie, the wife of Crocker Harris arrives there and sends him to chemist’s shop with a prescription. The play exhibits that the boy Taplow is much afraid of his teacher and has to stay till his arrival. In this extract the author brings out the character of Crocker Harris through Taplow in a direct contrast to Frank.