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Character sketch of Marlow

Marlow is the son of Sir Charles Marlow, who lives in London and is a friend of Mr Hastings. He is educated and designed for the post of a government job.

He is a peculiar fellow. He never had associations with women except his mother. So he is shy among the women of his own class. However, he is frank and forward among the women of lower class. He considers his shyness as a general defect of Englishmen. He has no other defects.

His father, Sir Charles, sends him to visit the house of Mr Hardcastle to see his daughter for marriage. This is an unmanageable task for him, yet he goes with his friend Hastings. He is not a vigilant person therefore, Tony Lumpkin easily misguides him. He sends Marlow and Hastings to the house of Mr Hardcastle but tells them that, it is another inn. Marlow behaves accordingly. Because of this joke, misunderstanding begins. Mr Hardcastle begins to misunderstand Marlow. He considers him immodest. However, Kate takes a chance to test him. Had he been a little watchful he would not have been misguided by Tony.

He is an openhearted man. He has no pride. When he knows his mistake about the house of Mr Hardcastle, he apologizes for his rudeness. He repents over his mistake .But still he suffers from another mistake. He thinks Miss Kate to be the poor relation of Mr Hardcastle .He loves Kate understanding her poor relation of Mr Hardcastle, because he is frank among the women of lower class. When Kate appears before him as the daughter of Mr Hardcastle, he is not able to speak with her. He becomes shy.

Marlow is a straightforward man. Miss Kate has easily befooled him. Kate has been playing double roles. She has been talking with

him as a barmaid and as a daughter of Mr Hardcastle, but he was not able to understand her game. Kate manages to listen to Sir Charles and her father how Marlow loves her in private and denies his love in public. Kate stoops down to the position of a barmaid to conquer the love of Mr Marlow. When Sir Charles and Mr Hardcastle listen to their exciting talk they declare their marriage at once.