

Unit -6 (A)

Twin Melodies

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Twin Melodies – Summary

Introduction

The play “*Twin Melodies*” explores the conflict between tradition and modernity through music. It highlights the journey of Shruti Sharma, a young violinist, as she balances her passion for fusion music with her father’s strong belief in classical traditions.

Act I: Conflict and Dilemma

The story begins with Shruti rehearsing Indo-Western fusion music with her friends—Iqbal, Avinash, and Peter. Although her friends praise her talent and encourage her to perform in an upcoming concert, Shruti feels anxious. Her father, Guru Nabin Sharma, is a strict supporter of Hindustani classical music and disapproves of fusion. Despite her fear, Shruti decides to gather courage and inform her parents about the concert.

Act II: Opposition from Father

During dinner, Shruti reveals her wish to participate in a fusion concert. Her father immediately rejects the idea, believing that fusion music undermines classical purity. He criticizes the concept and refuses to support her decision. Shruti feels disheartened and regrets hiding the truth earlier. Her mother, Leela, advises her but also expresses concern about her secrecy.

Act III: Change of Perspective

Later, Shruti continues practicing with her group, believing it may be her last session. Unexpectedly, her parents arrive and watch the performance. To Shruti’s surprise, her father is deeply impressed by the group’s talent and her ability to maintain classical elements within fusion music. He appreciates their effort and even offers his music room for their practice.

Resolution and Message

Nabin admits his mistake and shares his own past struggle against traditional expectations. He realizes that innovation does not diminish tradition but can enhance it. He supports Shruti’s choice and encourages her. The play concludes with a message of understanding, trust, and the harmonious blending of tradition and creativity.

Conclusion

The play emphasizes that true art evolves with time and that mutual respect between generations can lead to growth, acceptance, and new possibilities.