

## THE ADDRESS

### THEME

Human predicament that follows war

### MESSAGE

The importance of moving on despite setbacks

A poignant account of a daughter who goes in search of her mother's belonging after the war in Holland to the address  
***No 46 Marconi Street.***

### FIRST VISIT

Mrs. Dorling, the narrator's former neighbour shows no sign of recognition.

Futile attempt- feels betrayed and returns home with a heavy heart.

The visit evoked memories in the narrator

Mrs.Dorling's sudden renewal of friendship with the narrator's mother, Mrs.S.

Her regular visits to the narrator's house.

Her promise to safeguard all her mother's nice things till the war was over.

### REVISIT

Received by Mrs.Dorling's daughter.

The room was filled with the things that belonged to the narrator's mother.

She was horrified to see the familiar objects arranged in a tasteless manner.

### REFLECTION

**Narrator's resolve to forget the address.**

She decides to move on in her life detaching herself from the unpleasant experiences of the past.

## **CHARACTER SKETCH**

### **Mrs Dorling :**

- insensitive
- ungrateful
- cunning
- self centered
- materialistic
- cold and rude
- greedy and mean

### **Mrs S:**

- absent present
- gullible
- kind hearted
- simple
- humble
- caring

### **Marga Minco / Narrator:**

- young
- brave, fought through the consequences of war
- inquisitive
- observant
- mature - thought of forgetting the address
- patient and good tempered
- enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Dorling's daughter
- emotionally attached to her possessions
- disturbed by the way her mother's possessions were kept