

SYNOPSIS

The Gibbs and the Webbs are two families which live near by in Grover's Corner. Each family has two children. The Gibbs have George and Rebecca and the Webbs have Emily and Wally. Every morning their mothers wake their children up and prepare breakfast for them. After the children leaves for school, the two mothers, Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Webb, meet and gossip.

The day has passed by, young Emily and George come home from school. George is having trouble with school work. He asks for Emily's help because she is the best student in the class. They arrange a way to help each other. The evening comes, Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Webb are seen at choir practice. They concern about the organist's drinking.

Some years later, Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Webb are busy preparing for a wedding. Both get much milk from the milkman and remind him to come to the wedding.

George Gibbs comes downstairs and tells his mother that he is going across to see his girl, Emily; they are to be married later that day. When he reaches the Webb's house, Mrs. Webb reminds him that the groom can not see the bride on the day of the wedding. George talks to his future father-in-law until Mrs. Webb reappears and tells him to go home.

Times moves backward to the day when George and Emily first discover that they love each other. George is stopping Emily as they are leaving school. George has just been elected president of the senior class and Emily is to be secretary. He asks her why she is mad at him. Emily explains that George has been so busy playing baseball that he has forgotten his friends. He assures Emily that he is not forgotten her. He tells her how special she is to him and how much he has thought about her. Emily feels that she is mistaken about George and returns his affection. They apart after having discovered their love for each other.

Before the wedding, Mrs. Webb expresses her fear about losing her daughter. Then George also expresses some momentary doubts about getting married. At the same time, Emily is expressing the same fear to her father. As soon as George and Emily see each other, they overcome their fears.

A few years later, Emily has just died during childbirth. She leaves her husband and her two-year-old son. She feels strange among the dead and wonders how long the feeling will last. After the living leave the cemetery, she wonders if it will be possible to return to live for only one day. Everyone tries to stop her, but she insists.

She chooses to relive her twelfth birthday, but when she returns to earth, she is not able to continue experience the

whole day. She sees that everyone are too busy with their business that they, never much time to think of everything they do. She decides to go back to the cemetery among the dead.