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Abstract

O'Neill's Long Day's Journey into Night is the portrayal of the fallen family of Tyrone. All the family members in the play are frustrated, fragmented and alienated from the rest. Everyone in the play seems unhappy and puts the blame on others. The play depicts the fall of the family due to lack of co-operation, co-ordination and mutual responsibility. The Tyrone family which was once close, has deteriorated over the years with numerous problems like Mary's morphine addiction, Tyrone's, Jamie's and Edmund's alcoholism, Tyrone's stinginess and stubborn nature, the boys' recklessness and indifference attitude towards work and money, and many other factors. No one bears responsibility for these problems, instead they accuse one- another and fight among themselves. They create many conflicts and counter-conflicts that ultimately lead them towards the family failure, disintegration and loss of values.

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