

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT IN THE WORLD

"You told me you'd come home by Christmas, dearest," she said. "And here you are, the best Christmas present in the world. Come closer, Jim dear, sit down."

Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs):

1. Who is Connie mistaking the narrator for?
 - a) Her brother
 - b) Her husband Jim
 - c) The nurse
 - d) The fireman
2. What does Connie mean by "the best Christmas present in the world"?
 - a) A box of chocolates
 - b) A letter she received
 - c) The narrator's visit, whom she thinks is Jim
 - d) A Christmas cake
3. What emotion does Connie express in this moment?
 - a) Confusion
 - b) Anger
 - c) Joy and longing
 - d) Indifference

Short Answer Questions (SAQs):

1. Why does Connie believe that Jim has returned home?
2. How does the narrator respond to Connie's emotional reaction?

HOTS:

1. Connie mistakes the narrator for her long-lost husband, Jim, and speaks to him with warmth and love. Do you think the narrator did the right thing by not correcting her? What would you have done in his place, and why?
2. Justify the statement 'The Spirit of Christmas triumphed even in the midst of War' in light of the story 'The Best Christmas Present in the World.'