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**CHARACTERS**

**The Highwayman-** Robber; French cocked-hat, lace, red velvet coat, doeskin breeches, high boots, jeweled pistol and rapier; loves Bess; visits by moonlight; tries to avenge her death, but gets killed by the soldiers

**Bess-** Landlord’s daughter; black eyes, long black hair, red lips; loves the highwayman and meets secretly at night; shoots herself to try to protect him from the soldiers

**Tim-** The ostler; pale skinny face, “mad” eyes, dirty yellow hair; crazy love for Bess; probably helped set the trap for the highwayman

**IMAGERY**

**VISUAL-** darkness with the glowing moon, highwayman’s outfit and jeweled weapons, Bess’s black eyes and hair, Tim’s appearance,

**AUDITORY-** blowing wind, clattering on cobblestones, whistling at the window, creak of the stable door, lovers whispering, “tlot-tlot” of horse hooves, musket blast shattering the silence, shouting curses to the sky

**TOUCH-** gusty wind, face burnt like a brand, cascading hair, twisting knots, blood/sweat, pounding veins

**SMELLS-** perfumed hair

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**PLOT / CONFLICT**

**LITERARY DEVICES**

**MAN vs. MAN-** Highwayman vs. Tim, Highwayman vs. Bess’ father

**MAN vs. SOCIETY-** Highwayman vs. soldiers, Bess vs. soldiers, Highwayman & Bess vs. her family

**MAN vs. SELF-** Bess and her decision to give her life for the highwayman’s

**Repetition-** riding, jeweled & a-twinkle, “landlord’s daughter”, “by moonlight”/ “in the moonlight”, marching, “tlot-tlot”, “on the highway”

**Metaphors-** moon/ghostly galleon, sky/cloudy seas, road/ribbon of moonlight, stars/jewels, hair/waves & cascade, road/gypsy’s ribbon, soldiers/death & hell

**Similes-** dumb as a dog, face burnt like a brand, hours crawled by like years, her face was like a light, down like a dog on the highway

**THEMES:** love, trust, betrayal, honor, death, sacrifice, relationships, choices

Bess and the Highwayman were willing to lie to meet with each other, and Bess willingly gave her life to save his