

THE COP AND THE ANTHEM

Introduction:

Irony: Irony in its broadest sense is a rhetorical device, literary technique or event in which, what appears or is expected differs rapidly from the actual case. One uses the word that say the opposite of what one really mean.

About the author: William Sydney Porter known by his pen name O. Henry. He was an American short story writer. His stories are known for their surprise endings and witty narrations. O. Henry also wrote poetry and non-fiction.

Storyline: The Cop And The Anthem is a short story. We see lots of ironical situation taking place in the story. This story is about a homeless and jobless man named, Soapy. One day restlessly sitting on his seat in Madison Square, he notices many signs of winter approaching and he had no home to stay in. Seeing all these, he became more restless and decided that he had to do something to avoid the chilling winter.