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14. Topic :

How are the theme of
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"Wuthering Heights"
by Emily Brontë is rightly
regarded as the superb
analysis of extraordinary
love versus extraordinary
revenge. Heathcliff and
Catherine not only live
together in the same house
but are always seen
together. After the death
of Mr. Earnshaw Catherine
becomes a neglected
child. Catherine once
tells Nelly Dean, the house-
keeper of Wuthering Heights

"or my great miseries in
this world have been ~~Heathcliff's~~
Heathcliff's miseries and
I watched and felt each
from the beginning..."
Catherine considers her love
for Linton is like the foliage
in the woods. It is for
social status and comforts
of life that she marries
Linton. But she has not
forgotten Heathcliff and
has not ceased to love
him. Hence when he
returns Heights after
the gap of three years
she is besided herself with
joy. Likewise Heathcliff
too is extremely shocked

to know the death of Cathy. In his outcry he addresses God, "Oh God it + is unutterable. I can't bear! I can't live without my life. I can't live without my soul."

The revenge of Heathcliff is not less extraordinary than love. Like Hindley he regards Edgar Linton, too as his enemy, for he married Catherine the woman whom he loved. To take revenge on him he does everything possible to harm his daughter Catherine and Hindley's son Hareton.
