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Assessment: The Gift of the Magi by O. Henry

In The Gift of the Magi by O. Henry, sacrificing for love helps develop the theme of the story by a repetition of words. For example, when Della looked out the window it says, "... looked out dully at a gray cat walking a gray fence in a gray background." The word gray can mean that sacrificing can be really hard or sad. Gray itself means gloomy, depressing, or dull which can relate to Della's emotions. Additionally, words like one dollar and eighty-seven cents would be repeated throughout the story. The number \$1.87 enhance the theme of the story because it's saying that Della doesn't have the great amount of money to buy a great gift for her lover, who which has been with her for a while. It's also might be saying that her husband is worth more than herself. Gray and one dollar and eighty-seven shows how people would feel to give out something valuable from their life, but it shows how love truly is by doing such actions.