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CONCLUSION: *The Cricket in Times Square*

Answer the following question in a single (sentence / paragraph) on the lines below. Be sure to refer to the events of the story to explain your answer.

How does the conclusion of this story reveal its main idea?

Sentence:

Chester's friends are ennobled by his example, and the Bellinis prosper, revealing the main idea that a true friend lays down his life for those he loves.

Paragraph:

Chester leaves New York after performing a concert which gains a lasting reputation, and financial success, for the Bellinis. In his willingness to stay and help the Bellinis, Chester not only ensures them financially, but also offers them a picture of selflessness. By considering the Bellinis' situation to be as important as his own freedom, Chester demonstrates the love of a true friend, to lay down his life for those he loves.