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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 affect Mario?

Sentence:

Mario is ennobled by Chester's friendship which taught him how to love.

Paragraph:

Chester's concert establishes the newsstand as a national landmark and secures their lasting financial success. The conclusion leaves Mario financially provided for and consequently grateful to his friend. Chester's actions change Mario as they make him consider the sacrifice that it cost Chester to stay for so long away from home and the value of that gift for him and his family. When Chester needs Mario to support his decision to leave, Mario understands Chester's reasons for leaving and is glad for him. Mario learns to consider the needs of others as more important than his own; that is, he has learned to love.