

1 George Bernard Shaw is thought of by many as one of the greatest writers of plays in the English language. He was born in Dublin on this day in 1856, and was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1925. Like Charles Dickens, his writings often expressed the need for changes in society.

2 One of George Bernard Shaw's plays is called 'Pygmalion'. It tells of a Cockney girl, Eliza Doolittle, who sold flowers on the streets of London. As a kind of "experiment" to see how people can change, she is taken to a different place and given fine clothes to wear. She is taught to speak and behave like a lady. One of the characters in the story is a Professor Higgins who treats her as though she is still a flower girl. Eliza speaks these words to Colonel Pickering who treats her like a **lady**:

3 *"The difference
between a lady and a flower-girl
is not how she behaves,
but how she's treated.
I shall always be a flower-girl
to Professor Higgins,
because he always **treats** me
as a flower-girl, and always will.
But I know I can be a lady to you,
because you always **treat** me as a lady,
and always will.*

4 *Let us pray:*

**Lord, may I receive this day
as much respect and encouragement
and building up
as I give to others today.
Amen.**

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to research this topic further.

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