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Disability and Sexuality: Joyce’s Gerty MacDowell

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This talk considers the relationship between disability and sexuality in the “Nausicaa” episode of Joyce’s Ulysses. Early twentieth-century eugenic discourses divided disability from sexuality, especially for women. In “Nausicaa,” where Leopold Bloom ogles Gerty MacDowell, such a division is established through the episode’s two-part structure: sexuality in the first part, disability in the second. But when we analyze the status of the chapter’s narration, we realize that this opposition collapses, revealing the embeddedness of disability within sexuality.

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