

## **ABSTRACT**

The diploma thesis 'Personal prose with an authorial commentary' is composed of two parts. The first part is the authorial prose is titled *Rusty love*. It is a psychological short story that describes a partnership between the main character – a noname woman, and her partner – Filip. Filip likes drinking alcohol and frequently he drinks too much so that he is not able to walk home on his own. Therefore his girlfriend is like his rescuer who helps him with walking and sometimes she even has to haul him. Such bad conditions of Filip make her mad and very badly influence their relationship. Unfortunately it is not the only problem in their partnership. The main character leaves every week to work in the city of Jihlava and thus they can only see each other at weekends. Moreover, she likes to be self-sustaining and independent, which is somehow in contrasts with his concept of living together, to get married and have kids. Finally, the main character decides to live as a single and their story ends up with their separation.

The second part of this paper reflects circumstances of the work's origin. The characters, the plot construction, possible ending versions and the meaning of the short story are described here. This part also focuses on the author's experience of writing itself and this first literary attempt is assessed. There are also two literary critical reviews and the author's response to them.

## **KEY WORDS**

short story, partnership, Rusty love, alcohol, meaning of the work, plot construction, title