By the end of April Morning, Adam’s relationship with Ruth has changed because he now feels sure that he will never love anyone else as much as he loves her. Earlier in the book he knew that Ruth loved him and that he was fond of her as well, but he thought he might find someone else that he liked even more. Now, Adam and Ruth have just dropped off candles at the church, and they are walking back toward their houses. Ruth asks Adam if he loves her. Adam thinks about how he fell intensely in love with another girl, but only for a short time. Adam then describes his feelings for Ruth and explains his response to her: “I had never fallen in love with Ruth in just that way, but then neither had the feeling I had for her dwindled. It remained on kind of an even keel [...]. So after thinking about it, I nodded and said, Yes, I thought I loved her as much as I would ever love any girl” (200-1). Adam’s experience in the war has changed him. After the chaos of his first battle, Adam now appreciates the “even keel” of his comfortable and meaningful connection with Ruth. He has experienced a great loss in the death of his father, so now he is grateful for things that feel constant and will not go away. He appreciates the way his feelings for Ruth have not “dwindled,” and he realizes that he does not need to look for someone else who will be a better match for him. When Adam tells Ruth that he will never love another girl more than he loves her, he is basically promising her that he will eventually want to marry her even if he is not ready now. This change in Adam’s feelings about Ruth is one example of a bigger change in his whole character: he is now much more serious and more appreciative of the things and people around him.