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The main character, Gatsby, believes that his youth and beauty can be regained if only he can make enough money. In this way, Gatsby becomes a symbol of the American dream.

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