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### *DIMCHO DEBELYANOV'S LOVE*

*The paper questions some scholarly interpretations of Dimcho Debelyanov's love life. First, the author focuses on his letters to his beloved Ivanka Dermendzhieva, a teacher in Ikhtiman, and her letters to him (1908–1911). As a matter of fact, their love was a long distance one, they rarely met but expressed their feelings in letters. Six of his poems are believed to have been inspired by this love, these include “The town is sleeping”, “Letter”, “Prayer”, “Cherish Memory”. Further, the author of the paper analyzes the relationship between the poet and the teacher Lala Gancheva, publishing for the first time two post-cards by Debelyanov to Gancheva that have not been known until now. Also, his relationships with Elena Petrunova and Marija Vassileva are discussed in the paper. Debelyanov's letters and memories of his friends Gjoncho Belev, Konstantin Galabov, Jordan Mechkarov, and Konstantin Konstantinov are the main sources used by the author of the paper.*

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