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## POEM - 3

## A THING OF BEAUTY

- JOHN KEATS

## ★ ABOUT THE POEM

Keats was a worshiper of beauty. For him, beauty was truth and truth beauty. A Thing of Beauty is a constant source of pleasure. It gives us peace and a sleep full of sweet dreams. We are bound to the beauties of the Earth. In spite of all the sufferings, some beautiful things remove the cover of sad feelings. The daffodils flowers are blooming among the green surroundings. These beauties of nature are beautiful than all lovely tales.

## ★ EXTRACTS

- A thing of beauty - - - - - quiet breathing.

Q1) How is a thing of beauty a joy forever?

Ans. A thing of beauty is the source of constant joy. Its beauty goes on increasing. It will never pass into nothingness.

Q2) What do you understand by a 'bower'?

Ans. A bower is a pleasant place in the shade under a tree. It protects us from the hot rays of the sun.

Q3) What kind of sleep does it provide?

Ans. It provides us sound sleep full of sweet dreams, health and peaceful breathing.

- Therefore - - - - - in spite of all







Q2.) What is the thing of beauty mentioned in these lines?

Ans. The lovely tales of mighty men are mentioned in these lines.

Q3.) What image does the poet use in these lines?

Ans. The poet uses the image of an endless fountain of immortal drink. The Earth has blessed us with Sun, Moon, flowers, rivers, etc.

### ★ QUESTION - ANSWERS

Q1.) What does the line, 'Therefore are we wreathing a flowering band to bind us to earth' suggest to you?

Ans. Keats is a lover of beauty. The link of man with nature is eternal. The things of beauty are like wreaths of beautiful flowers be seen to be a flowery band everyday. It keeps us attached to the beauties of this Earth.

Q2.) What makes human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings?

Ans. There are many things that bring us troubles and suffering, however, some shape of beauty brings some love and happiness in our lives in spite of some unpleasant things. A thing of beauty removes the pall of sadness and sufferings.

Q3.) Why is 'grandeur' associated with the 'mighty dead'?

Ans. The 'mighty dead' were very powerful and dominating persons <sup>during</sup> ~~in~~ their own times. Their achievements made them great and mighty we imagine. That ~~so~~ such mighty dead forefathers will attain more 'grandeur' on the dooms day.



Q4.) Do we experience things of beauty only for short moments or do they make a lasting impression on us?

Ans. We feel happy by coming into contact with things of beauty. They make a lasting impression on us. It is a constant source of joy and pleasure. Its loveliness goes on increasing every moment. Its value remains undiminished.

Q5.) What image does the poet use to describe the beautiful bounty of the earth?

Ans. John Keats uses a very beautiful image to describe the beautiful bounty of the earth. It is the endless fountain of immortal drink. It pours constantly ~~that~~ into our hearts from heaven. Thus, the beautiful bounty of the earth is called an endless fountain of immortal drink.

Q6.) List the things of beauty mentioned in the poem.

Ans. The sun, the moon, old and young trees that provide shade to 'simple sheep', daffodils, clear streams of rivers, musk-roses in the forest and the lovely tales of mighty men.

Q7.) List the things that cause suffering and pain.

Ans. Despondency, depression, unhealthy and wrong ways taken up by humans to acquire their desired ~~gots~~ goals, etc. There is also real dearth of noble souls in this world.