

POETRYCHAP. - 04 A THING OF BEAUTYJOHN KEATS

ABOUT THE POET :- John Keats was born in London in the year 1795 and died in Rome in 1821 at the young age of 25 due to illness. He is a romantic poet & his poetry is characterized by sensual imagery in his most popular work which is a series of odes. Today, his poems are one of the most sought after creations in English literature.

SUMMARY :- ~~John~~ John Keats says that a beautiful thing is a source of endless joy. It has eternal beauty which never fades away. A beautiful thing is like a shady shelter which gives us a sleep full of sweet dreams, good health and relaxation.

The poet list out some of the beautiful things that surround us. As he saying goes - "Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder." He says that the numerous creations of God like the Sun which gives us energy, the Moon's beauty, the trees which give us shade are the natural beauties around us. The various animals like the sheep that surround us make our worldly lively. The pretty flowers like daffodils make

make the world green and lively. The flowing streams of water cool and refresh us in the hot summer season. The forests which are full of the pretty musk rose flowers are a beautiful sight to the eye. All these are the things of beauty. Also, the stories of the brave soldiers who laid their lives to protect their people are beautiful and inspiring. These beautiful things are like a fountain of immortality bestowed upon us by God. They inspire us to live on and maintain our faith in goodness. Our attachments to the earthly things are like a flowery wreath.

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS :-

Q17 List the things of beauty mentioned in the poem.

Ans The things of beauty mentioned in the poem are - The Sun, The Moon, Simple Sheep, Daffodils, Trees Old and Young, Lovely Tales, Endless Fountain etc.

Q21 List the things that cause suffering and pain.

Ans The things that cause suffering and pain are - Gloomy days, despondence, over darkened ways and death of noble nature.

Q37 What does the line, "Therefore are we wreathing a flowery band to bind us to earth" suggest to you?

Ans This line suggests us that ~~there~~ ^{there} are too much

pain and suffering in this ~~real~~ world. It is due to the loss of physical beauty. Physical beauty fades away with the passage of time and finally dies out completely.

Q47 Why is 'grandeur' associated with the 'mighty dead'?

Ans 'Grandeur' is associated with the mighty dead because of their heroic deeds. The mighty dead have a charm about them. We hear the stories of extraordinary deeds done by them. So, the grandeur is also associated with mighty dead.

Q57 What image does the poet use to describe the beautiful boundary of the earth?

Ans The poet mentions the beautiful boundary of the earth as -

"An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring unto us from the heaven's drink."

Q67 How is a thing of beauty a joy forever?

Ans John Keats, a great romantic poet, considers that a thing of beauty is a joy forever because it is a constant source of happiness and pleasure. Its loveliness increases every moment. A thing of beauty is never fades. It never passes into nothingness. A thing of beauty is a constant source of joy which goes on increasing.

Q77 What is the message of the poem 'A thing of beauty'?

Ans This poem of John Keats is rich in sensuous imagery. Nature is bountiful to us. It provides us with things of extraordinary beauty. A pleasant and lovely place in the shade under a tree gives us a bower quiet for us. We find peace in company of the beautiful things. We enjoy a sound sleep full of dreams, health and peace.

IMPORTANT STANZAS

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A thing of beauty is joy forever.
Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness; but it will keep,
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep,
Full of sweet dreams, and health and gentle
breathing.

i) Name the poem & the poet.

Ans Poem - A thing of beauty
Poet - John Keats

ii) What will never pass into nothingness?

Ans A thing of beauty will never pass into nothingness.

iii) How does a thing of beauty help us?

Ans It keeps us quiet, a sleep, health and gentle breathing.