



Class 12 English Flamingo Poetry NCERT Solutions Chapter 4 A Thing of Beauty

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Before you Read

1. What pleasure does a beautiful thing give us? Are beautiful things worth treasuring?

Answer

The world is filled with negative elements which make our life dull, sad, depressing and bereft of hope. In such moments, a beautiful thing gives us everlasting joy and helps us forget our sorrows. Yes, a beautiful thing is worth treasuring because even its memory soothes our nerves and inspires us to overcome the challenges of life.

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Think it Out

1. List the things of beauty mentioned in the poem.

Answer

The things of beauty are the sun, the moon, old and new trees, daffodils, clear rills, musk roses that bloom among the thick forest ferns.

2. List the things that cause suffering and pain.

Answer

The things that cause suffering are dark phases of our life, adverse circumstances, gloomy days, death of noble people and bad health.

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

Answer

This line suggests that things of beauty bind us to the earth with a beautiful connection. According to the poet, even if the world is not worth living because of the innumerable reasons that ultimately result in gloom and depression, the zeal to live a happy and content life can be derived from the

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sight of the beautiful bounties of nature around us.

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

Answer

Human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings because of the existence of several natural and beautiful things around them. These things of beauty never fade. They give joy and optimism to human mind, and thus, help in overcoming or bearing the troubles and sufferings.

5. Why is 'grandeur' associated with the 'mighty dead'?

Answer

The 'grandeur' of the 'mighty dead' lies in their noble deeds. They have left behind the beautiful legacy of their brave acts. Their selfless sacrifice for their nation and deeds for the welfare of mankind still continue to inspire us.

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

Answer

The poet believes that when we encounter a beautiful thing, even for a small moment, the pleasure remains with us forever. It leaves a lasting impression that inspires us to live life with hope and optimism.

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

Answer

The poet uses the image of 'an endless fountain of immortal drink' to describe the beautiful bounty of the earth. The earth, like a fountain, pours unto us numerous beautiful sights like the sun, the moon, flowers, rivers and greenery.