



**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**

# **INTRODUCTION**

Concept- Description of true beauty,  
Effect of beautiful things on human nature

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**CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW**

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# LEARNING OUTCOMES



- Students will be able to justify the title of the poem "A Thing of Beauty."
- Students will be able to relate the difference between fleeting beauty and permanent beauty.
- Students will be able to co-relate the beautiful things and evil things available in nature.
- Students will be able to Understand Keats extraordinary sense-perception through his natural and spontaneous application of senses. He derives excellent aesthetic delight at the sight of objects of nature.
- Students will be able to develop skills of creativity, imagination and aesthetic sense.
- Students will realise the social issue of degradation of aesthetic sense among people in their busy monotonous life schedule.

*Are they beautiful?*      **WHAT ARE THEY?**





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**Chapter No. : 4 (Flamingo)**

**CHAPTER : A Thing of Beauty**

***By- John Keats***

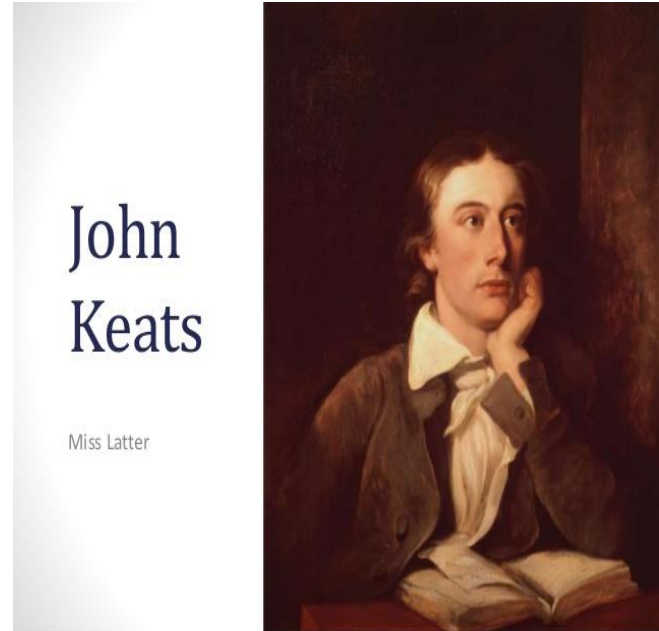
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# A SHORT PROFILE OF THE POET – JOHN KEATS

- John Keats was an English Romantic poet.
- Was born in London in 1795 and died in 1821.(Age 25)
- His well known works are-
  - i . 'A Thing of Beauty '
  - ii . 'Ode to a Grecian Urn' &
  - iii . 'Ode to Nightingale'.



## THEME OF THE POEM

- Beauty provides eternal and everlasting joy.
- Beauty enhances the quality of life.
- Inevitability of return to nature
- Beauty repels dark forces from life .
- Things of beauty offers an embalming effect in coping with negativity.
- A peaceful life is the blessing of beauty.



# INTRODUCTION

- This poem is an excerpt from Keats' poem 'Endymion'.
- Human beings run after material comforts, happiness and peace, all of which can be obtained through the blessings of beauty.
- Beauty has the potency to alleviate human suffering
- Nature and its wonders have mesmerizing effect of human beings.
- Beauty has an element of divinity.





# SUB – CONCEPTS

- Beautiful things provide happiness, material comforts and peace.
- Beauty pervades in nature's lap.
- Physical and Meta-physical existence of beauty
- Mundane things to cause suffering
- Beauty, a corollary of sensual pleasure



# POEM- A THING OF BEAUTY



A thing of beauty is a joy forever  
Its loveliness increases, it will never  
Pass into nothingness; but will keep  
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep  
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.  
Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing  
A flowery band to bind us to the earth,  
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth  
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,  
Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways  
Made for our searching: yes, in spite of all,  
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall  
From our dark spirits.  
Such the sun, the moon,  
Trees old, and young, sprouting a shady boon  
For simple sheep; and such are daffodils  
With the green world they live in; and clear rills  
That for themselves a cooling covert make

'Gainst the hot season; the mid forest brake,  
Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose blooms;  
And such too is the grandeur of the dooms  
We have imagined for the mighty dead;  
All lovely tales that we have heard or read;  
An endless fountain of immortal drink,  
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

**NOTE:- Students will follow the sample reading done by the teacher.**



A Thing of Beauty..mp3

**Sample audio for the class. Play and relax. Let students enjoy the sample reading.**

# A DISCUSSION ON LITERARY DEVICE- 1



**Alliteration** : Use of of two words ('b' in Band  
consonant sound at the start ,Bind, 'n' in Noble  
of two words (Sleep-Sweet) nature)

**Metaphor**: bower Quiet **Imagery** : Objects creating a  
(Peace like that under the sensory effect like that of a  
shade) garland, made of mental

**Anaphora**: Use of same word images.  
in two consecutive lines. (of **Inversion** : normal order of  
noble natures- Of all the words is reversed ( Are we  
unhealthy) wreathing a flowery band

**Alliteration**: Use of  
consonant sound at the start



## A DISCUSSION ON LITERARY DEVICE -2



**Alliteration:** (Repeated consonants sound in a series of words for example-‘s’ in Sprouting Shady, , ‘c’ in cooling covert)

**Imagery:** Trees giving shade (sprouting shady boon)

**Antithesis:** opposite words placed together (old and young)

**Alliteration:** (‘h’ in have heard)

**Metaphor:** Immortal drinks

**Imagery:** Bushes full of musk roses, books of life changing morals



# WORD MEANING



## Words :

|               |                                  |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Bower         | : A shady place under the tree   |
| Nothingness   | : zero value                     |
| Quiet         | : Peace                          |
| Morrow        | : Future time, The following day |
| Wreathing     | : creating                       |
| Flowery band  | : garland                        |
| Spite         | : curse                          |
| Despondence   | : helplessness                   |
| Noble nature  | : good behaviour                 |
| Gloomy days   | : time of failure                |
| Over-darkened | : unethical / immoral            |
| Searching     | : betterment                     |



# WORD MEANING

## Words :

- Boon : blessing
- sprouting :growing
- Rills : a small stream
- Brake : fern-like plants, a thicket
- Grandeur : great qualities / virtues
- Mighty : eminent / famous
- Immortal : never dying; everlasting
- Brink : edge





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# **EXPLANATION OF THE POEM**

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# CONTENTS OF THE POEM



## Extract-I ( Lines 1-5)

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





# CONTENTS OF THE POEM

## Explanation of Lines 1-5:

### A thing of Beauty –

- is a source of constant joy.
- has incremental value
- provides peace like the shade of a tree
- is the provider of physical comfort and enjoyment



# CONTENTS OF “A Thing of Beauty”



## Extract -2 : Lines 6-13

*Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing  
A flowery band to bind us to the earth,  
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth  
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,  
Of all the unhealthy and o’er-darkened ways  
Made for our searching: yes, in spite of all,  
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall  
From our dark spirits.”*



# CONTENTS OF “A THING OF BEAUTY”



## Explanation of Lines 6-13:

- Every morning we are weaving a flowery wreath to bind us to the beauties of the earth despite the feeling of depression.
- We all possess evil qualities of hatred and disappointment.
- We suffer from lack of noble qualities and unhealthy evil ways.
- In spite of all this a beautiful thing helps to remove the cover of gloom from our lives.
- It makes us love life despite the things that dampen our spirits.



## CONTENTS OF “A Thing of Beauty”

### Extract - 4 : Line – 14-20

*“Such the sun, the moon,  
Trees old, and young, sprouting a shady boon  
For simple sheep; and such are daffodils  
With the green world they live in; and clear rills  
That for themselves a cooling covert make  
‘Gainst the hot season; the mid forest brake,  
Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose  
blooms;”*



# PHYSICAL SOURCES OF BEAUTY



## Explanation of Lines 14-20:

### Physical Sources of Beauty are :

- the sun, the moon
- small & big trees
- daffodils in the green surroundings
- clear streams of water providing coolness in hot days
- thick mass of ferns plants producing scented flowers



# CONTENTS OF “A Thing of Beauty”

Extract - 4 : Line – 21-25

*“And such too is the grandeur of the dooms  
We have imagined for the mighty dead;  
All lovely tales that we have heard or read;  
An endless fountain of immortal drink,  
Pouring unto us from the heaven’s brink.”*



# EXTRACT -4 LINE 21-25 ( CONTINUES...)



## Explanation of Lines 21-25:

### Sources of Metaphysical Beauty :

- Virtue ( great qualities) exhibited by the deceased people who are renowned and great in their field
- Books of morals and great lessons

### Eulogy for Beauty :

- It is the spilled nectar from heaven .
- It has divine quality, for its origin in heaven.
- It is inexhaustible and like an endless fountain.



# CONCLUSIVE STATEMENT ON BEAUTY...



- God provides us material comforts, happiness and peace.
- All these blessed stuff are obtainable from beauty.
- For alleviation of human suffering, let's be into the things of beauty.
- Beauty is divine... explore it, perceive it, express it, worship it.





# MESSAGE OF THE POEM



- *A thing of beauty is perennially pleasure giving..*
- *It transcends time.*
- *It never fade away.*
- *Beauty has the potency to remove negativity from life.*
- *It can provide happiness and peace, as blessed by God.*
- *Beauty is not only physical but also spiritual and pervades everything.*



# THE LIST OF THINGS THAT CAUSES BEAUTY.



❖ The Sun

❖ The Moon

❖ Shady trees

❖ Beautiful daffodil flowers

❖ Streams of water

❖ Dense green bushes of forest ferns where fragrant musk roses grow

❖ Tales of heroic men who sacrifice their lives

# THE LIST OF THINGS THAT CAUSES SUFFERING AND PAIN.



❖ Desire to offend others

❖ Hopelessness

❖ Lack of noble men

❖ Bad health

❖ Unhappiness

❖ Gloom

❖ Darkness

# MAY I CHECK UP YOUR COMPREHENSION?



- 1) How is a thing of beauty a joy forever?
- 2) What is a Bower?
- 3) What kind of sleep does a bower provide?
- 4) What are we doing everyday?
- 5) Describe bad and evil things that we possess in us.
- 6) 'In spite of all'- Explain.
- 7) What removes the pall from our dark spirits and how?
- 8) Explain: "We have imagined for the mighty dead."
- 9) Describe the role of daffodils and clear rills in enrichment of the environment.
- 10) What makes the mid-forest brake rich?





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