

ENGLISH LITERATURE

HONEYSUCKLE

LESSON-4 (POEM) **THE BEAUTY**

Beauty is seen

In the sunlight

The trees, the birds,

Corn growing and people working

Or dancing for their harvest.

Beauty is heard

In the night,

Wind sighing, rain falling,

Or a singer chanting

Anything in earnest.

Earnest sincere and honest conviction

Beauty is in yourself.

Good deeds, happy thoughts

That repeat themselves

In your dreams,

In your work,

And even in your rest.

[SUMMARY \(This summary is not meant to be written in the copy. It is only to read and understand.\)](#)

Beauty gives pleasure to all our senses. The poet is trying to say in this poem that beauty is in everything. All things are beautiful in their own unique way. The poet says that the real beauty can be seen in the sunlight, trees, and birds, in the corn growing, people working or people dancing for the harvest. The poet does not agree with the traditional thinking about beauty.

Now the poet is talking about how beauty can be heard. According to her, beauty can be heard at night when the wind sings and when the rain falls and when a singer sings in earnest from the core of his heart.

The poet says in the concluding stanza that beauty lies in ourselves; in good deeds, happy thoughts which are repeated in our dreams and in our work and even in our rest. Beauty is everywhere. It is in attitude, the way we look at things. Actually everything is beautiful in its own unique manner, it is just to feel the need of it.

Note- lines wise explanation will be given in the google classroom. In the meantime Please write the poem and question and answers in your copy.

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Q1.The poet says" Beauty is heard" can you hear beauty? Add a sound that you think is beautiful to the sounds the poet thinks are beautiful.....

The poet, Keats , said:

Heard melodious are sweet

But those unheard are sweeter.

What do you think this means? Have you ever heard a song in your head, long after the song was sung or played?

Ans- We find the melodious notes of cuckoo or the nightingale very pleasing to the ears but that pleasure is still incomplete. We have models of perfect beauty in our imagination and we wait anxiously to hear our beloved voice and the chanting of prayers in holy places. We look for perfection. It is your inner mind that needs to be beautiful to find beauty in untold words.

Q2. Read the first and second stanza s of the poem . Note the following phrases .

Corn growing, people working or dancing , wind sighing, rain falling, a singer chanting

These could be written as

. Corn that is growing

.people who are working or dancing.

Can you rewrite the other phrases like this? Why do you think the poet uses the shorter phrases? Discuss with your partner what these lines mean.

Ans- Yes , a few other phrases have been listed in the poem. For example- stream flowing, baby crying etc. I think the poet uses the shorter phrases to give musical effects.

Q3.Write a paragraph on beauty. Use your own ideas along with the poem ideas.

Ans- Our whole life is a mad search for beauty in different forms. Every fine art is a treasure house of beauty. Be it dance, poetry or sculpture. What the tribal people regard as beauty may look ugly to us. So beauty may be in good deeds, heroic actions, sweet voices and in nature. Everything in the nature have a different kind of beauty. It depends on our point of view that what is beauty for us. Beauty is a kind of change in nature that we want to see again and again.