

Grade VI

4. Beauty

Poetry

Summary of the poem

Beauty gives pleasure to everyone and can be seen, heard and felt. Beauty can be noticed in the sunlight, the trees and the birds. It can also be seen in the people who work hard, cultivated their land and grow crops. The scene looks beautiful when people dance for their harvest.

Beauty can be heard during the night when the wind blows. It can be heard during the rainfall or when a singer sings in full mood. Beauty is everywhere, a person needs to notice it.

Everyone can feel it when we do good things and good thoughts come to our minds. Goodness repeats itself in our dreams, works and even when we take rest. Beauty lies with those who are positive towards life and it gets reflected.

Stanza wise Explanation of The poem

Stanza 1

Beauty is seen
In the sunlight,
The trees, the birds,

Corn growing and people working
Or dancing for their harvest.

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Reference The given lines have been taken from the poem 'Beauty'. It has been written by E-Yeh-Shure, where the poet has given description about beauty and said that it can be witnessed everywhere.

Context The poet said that beauty can be seen everywhere as our surrounding is full of beautiful things. One needs to observe the surrounding and he will see beautiful things.

Explanation Beauty can be seen by all of us in the surrounding. It can be seen in the sunlight, the trees and the birds. It can be seen where people are working hard, cultivating their land and growing crops. Beauty can be seen when farmers dance for harvest.

Stanza 2

Beauty is heard
In the night,
Wind sighing, rain falling,
Or a singer chanting
Anything in earnest.

Reference Same as above

Context The poet said that beauty could be heard in our surrounding, if we try to listen to it. We can hear beauty during the rainfall and when the wind blows.

Explanation Beauty can be heard in the surrounding during the night when the wind blows. It can be heard during the rainfall or when a singer sings in full swing. Beauty is present everywhere, a person needs ears to hear it. The world is full of beautiful things.

Stanza 3

Good deeds, happy thoughts

That repeat themselves
In your dreams,

In your work,

And even in your rest.

Reference Same as in stanza 1

Context According to the poet, beauty lies within us. We do not need to search it all around. Beauty lies in good work and happy thoughts. Beauty lies within those who are positive towards life.

Explanation Everyone can feel beauty when we do good things and good thoughts come to our minds. It gets reflection and things become beautiful. Goodness gets repeated in our dreams, works and even when we take rest.

NCERT Corner

Work with the poem

1. The poet says, "Beauty is heard in..."

Can you hear beauty? Add a sound the poet thinks are beautiful.

The poet, Keats, said:

Heard melodies 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. Yes, beauty can be heard anywhere. When we hear something enchanting, it attracts us towards it. We want to hear it again and again. It can be melodious song by a bird, sound of leaves, air etc. Keats said in the above lines in that melodies which we can hear are sweet, but those which we can't hear are even sweeter. They can only be imagined and beauty lies in the imagination.

Yes, sometimes a melodious song stays in one's mind for long and it keeps playing in one's head as it has touched that person's soul.

2. Read the first and second stanzas of the poem again. 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?

Ans. Wind which is sighing

Rain which is falling

A singer who is chanting

The poet uses shorter phrases in the poem to make it more attractive and appealing.

The poet created a particular order of rhyme scheme.

3. Find pictures of beautiful things you have seen or heard of.

Do it yourself as each one of us has a different concept of beauty.

4. Write a paragraph about beauty. Use your own ideas along with the ideas in the poem. (You may discuss your ideas with your partner.)

Beauty is immortal as it remains forever. If it keeps on changing with time, it can't be called beauty. Beauty keeps giving us joy and happiness.

Some people find beauty only in physical appearance which and remains constant while good looks are deceptive.

Chapter Practice

Very Short Answer Type Questions

1. Where can see beauty?

You can see beauty in the sunlight, trees and birds. It can also be seen in people who are working hard on fields and growing crops.

2. Do you think beauty lies within us?

Yes, beauty lies within us when our actions reflected through their actions.

3. How can we find beauty in ourselves?

We can find beauty in ourselves by doing thoughts in our mind.

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Short Answer Type Questions

1. How can one hear beauty during in nature?

A person can hear beauty during the night. It can be heard during the rainfall, in the sound of the wind.

It can also be heard when a singer is singing. It can be heard anywhere where things are done eagerly and seriously.

2. Is there any difference in the beauty of an object in different times?

Yes, there can be a difference. e.g. everyone feels happy when it is sunlight during winter but it becomes unpleasant during summers.

Value Based Questions

What is beauty according to the poet?

Beauty is a quality which can attract everyone. It is like by all and can be seen in the sunlight, trees and birds. It can be heard when the wind sighs and during the rainfall. It can also be heard during a calm night.

Beauty is present within us when we indulge in good activities. Our thoughts become pure due to good actions.

Good deeds and clean thoughts repeat themselves and bring happiness in the long-run. It gets reflected in work and even when we take rest. Good thoughts also come in our dreams.

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Extract Based Questions

Extract 1

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-6) Read the extract given below and answer the following questions.

Beauty is seen
In the sunlight,
The trees, the birds,
Corn growing and people working
Or dancing for their harvest.

1. Can you see beauty in your surroundings?

Yes, we can see beauty in our surroundings such as in birds, trees and sunlight.

2. Why did people start dancing in the poem?

People were dancing for their good harvest as they worked very hard on their fields.

3. What was being grown on the field?

Corn was being grown on the field.

4. Find synonym for the word 'harvest'

- (a) Sunlight (b) Produce (c) Dark (d) Dance
(b) Produce

5. Who are dancing in the above lines?

- (a) Birds (b) Beauty (c) Growers (d) Farmers
(d) Farmers

6. The people referred here belongs to

- (a) Towns
(b) Cities
(c) Villages
(d) None of the above
(c) Villages

Extract 2

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-6) Read the extract given below and answer the following questions.

Beauty is heard
In the night,
Wind sighing, rain falling,
Or a singer chanting
Anything in earnest.

1. Can you hear beauty in the atmosphere?

Yes, we can hear beauty in the atmosphere such as during the rainfall and wind sighing.

2. What do you mean by 'anything in earnest'?

We can hear beauty in any activity which has been done with eagerness and full dedication.

3. What were the actions of the wind and rain?

In the above lines, the wind was sighing while the rain was falling.

4. Give antonym for the word 'fall'.

- (a) Rise (b) Sing (c) Dance (d) Line
(a) Rise

5. Find synonym for the word 'earnest'

- (a) Senior (b) Chant (c) Earn (d) Serious
(d) Serious

6. When is beauty heard?

- (a) Morning
(b) Afternoon
(c) Evening
(d) Night
(d) Night