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Think It Out

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

Answer:

Everything present in nature is a source of pleasure and a thing of beauty. A few of them are the moon, the sun, young and old trees, small streams with clean water, daffodil flowers, blooming musk roses and the mass of ferns. All of these are the things of beauty. They are a source of constant pleasure and joy.

2. List the things that cause suffering and pain.

Answer:

There are numerous things which cause us pain and suffering. Disappointment and malice are the biggest sources of our suffering. The lack of noble qualities is the other one. Our evil and unhealthy ways give birth to much suffering and trouble, which dampens our spirits. In our lives, they act as a pall of sadness.

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

Answer:

The poet is a beauty lover. In order to discover beauty, he uses his senses. The link between nature and man is everlasting. The 'things of beauty' are similar to the beautiful flower wreaths. Every day, we seem to weave a flowery band which keeps us connected with the beauty of the earth.

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

Answer:

There are numerous things which bring us suffering and troubles and dampen our spirits. In spite of such unpleasant things, some form of beauty brings happiness and love to our lives. A thing of beauty eliminates the pall of suffering and sadness, which makes us love life.

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

Answer:

The 'mighty dead' were very dominating and powerful people during their own times. They were 'mighty' and great because of their achievements. Our eyes are dazzled by their noble deeds. We imagine that the mighty dead forefathers will achieve grandeur on doomsday. Therefore, 'grandeur' and 'mighty dead' are associated with one another.

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

Answer:

By being in contact with the things of beauty, we feel happy as they create a lasting impression on us. At the outset, the poet makes it clear that a thing of beauty is happiness forever. It is a source of constant pleasure and joy. Its beauty never diminishes or declines. Its loveliness keeps increasing with every moment. Its value stays undiminished and never passes into nothingness. The pall of sadness which covers our dark spirits is removed.

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

Answer:

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A Thing of Beauty**

A very beautiful image is used by John Keats to explain the beautiful bounty of the earth. It is the everlasting fountain with an immortal drink. From heaven, it constantly pours into our hearts. Therefore, the beautiful bounty of the earth is known as 'an endless fountain of immortal drink'.

