

"A Thing of Beauty is a Joy Forever"

Beauty is a word to which our senses collectively attribute the sensations of peace, calm, and joy. Beauty, be it a word of truth spoken, deep breaths on clouded mountaintops taken, or feet in water splashed, is an inherent part of every moment lived. Augustus Waters, in 'The Fault in Our Stars', said 'I enjoy looking at beautiful people,' which has even a deeper meaning as his liking for beauty was way beyond mere aesthetics; it was for something metaphysical: the beauty in the purity of the soul. A thing of beauty, which has touched our hearts in the form of memories and has been imprinted upon our souls, transcends all barriers of time and space, and lives forever within us as a never ending source of joy - The laughter of a child, the sight of sunset flaunting all its hues, a playlist shared with someone special, all have something beautifully joyous about them. There is beauty even in the moments of sadness, like teary eyes and a shoulder to cry on - a moment that yet is heart wrenching but has hints of joy in it as there lies beauty in being heard when everything feels like it is falling apart. Beauty is in every heartbeat, which in itself is a joy to cherish till the very last symphony plays. As we embrace the tiniest of moments that we've lived, we realize that true beauty does not lie only in the things we see but also in the love and connection we share, glittering through time as a lasting joy. (words 255)