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## A Thing of Beauty Is A Joy Forever

"A thing of beauty" is an extract from Book 1 of the long narrative poem Endymion. It was written by John Keats in 1817 and published in 1818. The poet wrote most of the poem in England while he was staying in Isle of Wight. The theme of the poem revolves around the Greek mythology of Endymion. Endymion The mythology discusses two characters: One is Selene, the goddess of the moon and the other is Endymion himself, a very handsome shepherd. The goddess of moon fell in love with the shepherd as she saw her sleeping on the mountain. As Selene fell in love so deeply, she asked Zeus, the king of the Gods, to give the shepherd eternal sleep. This way he would remain handsome forever. Every night, the Goddess would see the shepherd lovingly and his beauty. His beauty gave the Goddess everlasting happiness. From this mythology, the poet takes the idea of his poem and describes how beauty gives eternal bliss. The poet characterises beauty as something that diverts our

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attention from this world and takes us to a place full of serene surroundings - "Beauty" is not a temporary distraction but rather a permanent one, diverting our focus from the gloomy part of this life - The author says beauty is what keeps us alive and going - One would not feel any motivation to live in the absence of beauty. Describing beauty as a joy forever, the author

poet writes that in the darkest days that one has, the unhealthy thoughts that he goes through, it is the beauty that ~~guides~~ <sup>guides</sup> individuals to a path full of hope - Also he describes beauty as everlasting and also something that has everlasting impacts. Beauty does not fade away, it does not change into nothingness, rather it increases with every passing day. A dash of beauty transfigures the individual making him as beautiful as what he beholds.