

Question-Answers of 'A Thing of Beauty'

Q1. What does 'Count to twelve' imply?

Ans. 'Count to twelve' implies the time required for commencing introspection. The poet doesn't want us to count for twelve hours, he only wants us to spare some time for self-evaluation of our deeds. According to him countdown from twelve helps us in maintaining peace.

Q2. What can humans achieve after keeping quiet for some time?

Ans. According to the poet, after keeping quiet for some time, we can get away with the unnecessary hubbub of our life, achieve peace and maintain brotherhood. By keeping quiet, one can even realize his mistakes easily and overcome them with optimism.

Q3. How can war-mongers achieve peace according to the poet?

Ans. According to the poet, peace can prevail only at a condition when human remains quiet. If war-mongers keep quiet, they will start considering their enemies as their brothers. They will wear peaceful clothes and stop the destruction.

Q4. What can earth teach us according to the poet?

Ans. According to the poet, human can learn how to remain quiet from the earth. It always remains quiet superficially but has a life beneath. That should also be the method of humans to live life, silent from outside but living from inside.

Q5. Does the poet advocate 'total inactivity'? Why?

Ans. No, the poet doesn't advocate total inactivity at all. He wants the cycle of life to move on without any stoppage. According to him, we should keep quiet for some time not throughout the life. He insists on not giving up our jobs and holding our responsibilities seriously.

Q6. When will the fishermen stop killing whales in the cold sea according to the poet?

Ans. According to the poet, the fishermen will stop killing whales when they realize that they are spoiling one of the four principal biological systems of this world and he can only realize this when he keeps quiet for some time.

Q7. For how long should one keep quiet in a day according to the poet?

Ans. According to the poet, one should keep quiet for some time daily in order to introspect himself and evaluate his deeds. This process should be continued daily as it simplifies everything and teaches everyone how to live the life.