



## CLASS NOTES-ANSWERS

Working with the poem.

1. The Poet says, "Beauty is Heard in ..."

Can you hear beauty? Add a sound that you think is beautiful to the sounds 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?

**Answer:** Yes, we can hear beauty. The melodious sounds of birds chirping during the dawn and dusk.

The lines: "Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter" are taken from a poem named "Ode on a Grecian urn" and is written by John Keats. This means that whatever we hear (which is already created) is definitely sweet but the one which comes from within and is never heard before is much more sweet and soothing.

Yes, I have heard a few such songs in my head long after the song was played.



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?

**Answer:** Yes, the phrases can be written as:

- Wind that is sighing
- The rain that is falling
- A singer who is chanting

The poet uses these shorter phrases to give a rhyming effect to the poem.

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

**Answer:** Nature is known for its beauty, Mowich Lake with beauty at its peak, during the fall season.

4. Write a paragraph about beauty. Use your own ideas along with the Ideas in the poem.

**Answer:** Everything that nature has provided us is beautiful in a way or the other. The scenery we see during the broad daylight when the sunlight



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falls on the trees is beautiful. It is a treat to our eyes. The sounds we hear from the swift blowing wind, the sound of the waterfall is a treat to our ears as it gives a tranquilising effect. Beauty is in the perception one holds. It is everywhere and in everything we see, the only thing we need is to feel it from within.

