

What Brings Me Joy

The following is a compilation of slides submitted by students in response to an assignment set on week one of the school closure due to Covid-19, March 23rd, 2020.

The Task was :

Put together a series of images and matching words that illustrate people , places , things and moments that bring you joy in these challenging times. The image should be a photo from your phone, not from the internet.

The prompt ,on slide one , is a picture I took in Cabinteely Park on Tuesday March 17th 2020 , on St Patrick's Day, as Leo Varadkar said "a Saint Patrick's Day like no other. A day that none of us will ever forget."

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I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

BY [WILLIAM WORDSWORTH](#)

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

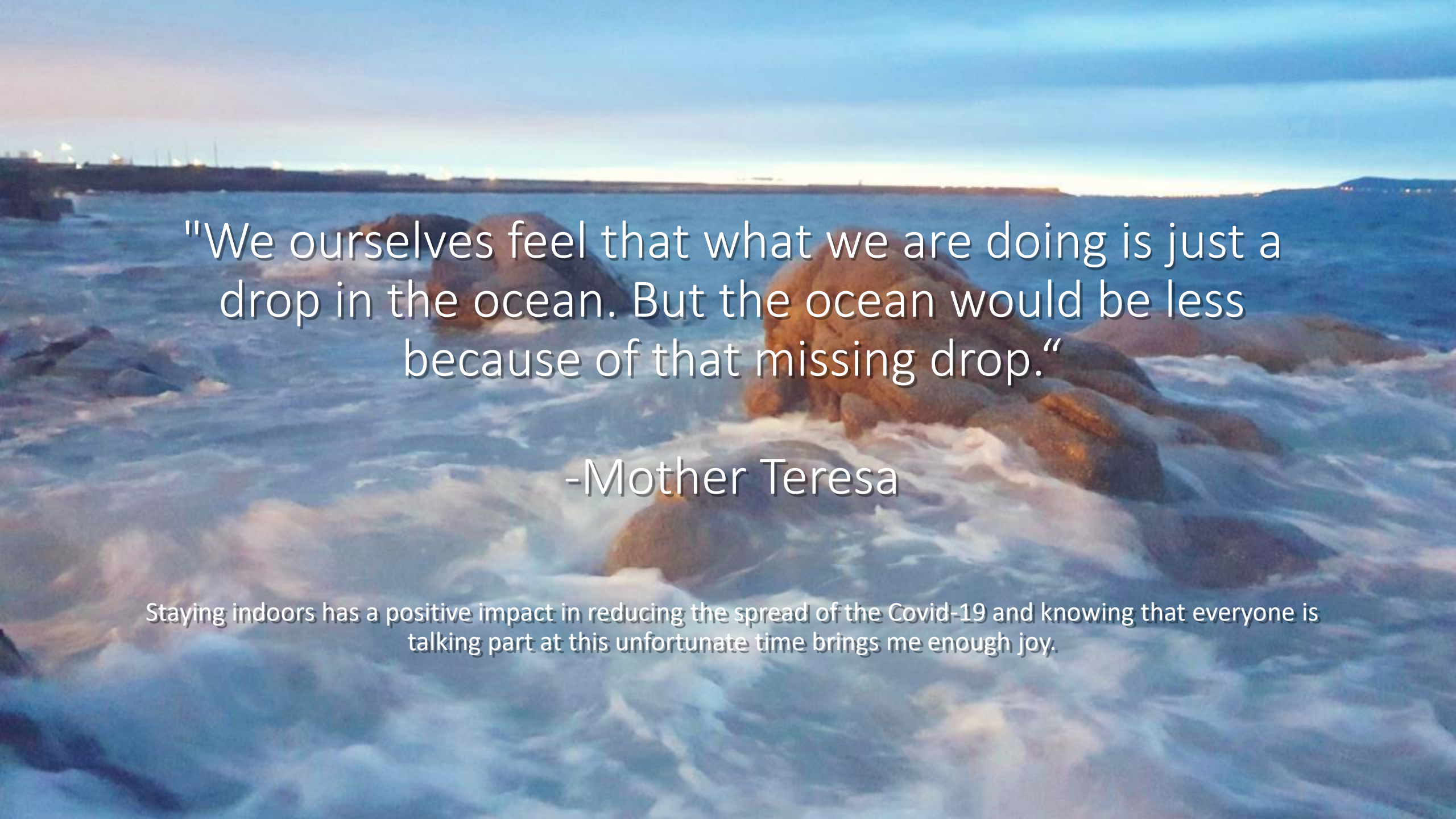


JOY

This is a photo of the Liverpool FC parade through the city after they won their 6th Champions League title in 2019. This brought me joy because they are my favourite club and I love seeing them win trophies. This was their first Champions League title in 14 years, and it came after a rough end to the domestic season, so it was great to win and see over 750,000 people at the parade showing team spirit.

‘A picture paints a thousand words’





"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

-Mother Teresa

Staying indoors has a positive impact in reducing the spread of the Covid-19 and knowing that everyone is talking part at this unfortunate time brings me enough joy.



The Cat

Come, superb cat, to my amorous heart;
Hold back the talons of your paws,
Let me gaze into your beautiful eyes
Of metal and agate.

When my fingers leisurely caress you,
Your head and your elastic back,
And when my hand tingles with the pleasure
Of feeling your electric body,

In spirit I see my woman. Her gaze
Like your own, amiable beast,
Profound and cold, cuts and cleaves like a dart,

And, from her head down to her feet,
A subtle air, a dangerous perfume
Floats about her dusky body.

— William Aggeler



“When we are children we seldom think of the future. This innocence leaves us free to enjoy ourselves as few adults can. The day we fret about the future is the day we leave our childhood behind.”

Patrick Rothfuss

What brings me joy in these challenging times is knowing that I have taken immediate actions in regards with studying to ensure that the Corona Virus doesn't at all affect my Leaving Cert

“Life is not always perfect. Like a road, it has many bends, ups and down, but that’s its beauty”

-AMIT RAY



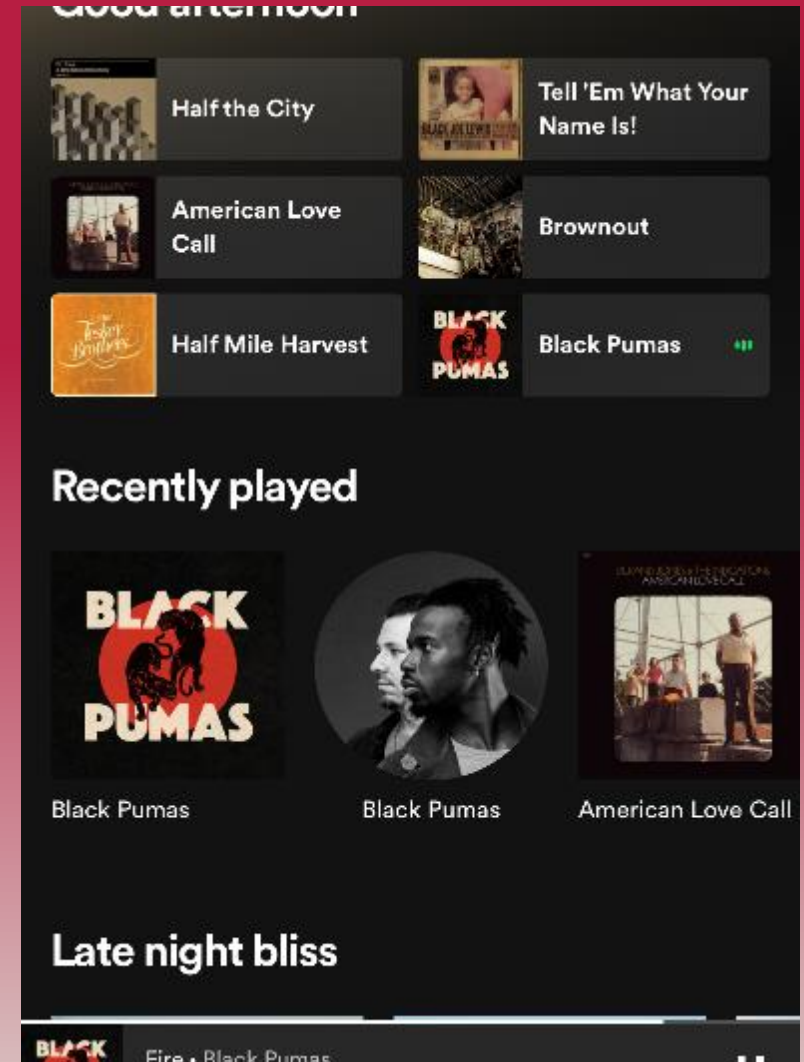
MY HOBBIES

WORKING ON MY HOBBIES LIKE
PLAYING MUSIC HAS HELPED ME
PASS THE TIME IN SELF ISOLATION.



LISTENING TO NEW MUSIC

Listening to albums on Spotify that I haven't heard before has also helped me pass the time.



SCHOOL WORK

I've enjoyed doing the schoolwork assigned to me over the last week as it gives me something to do and breaks up the day.

Easter Examinations 2020 Proposed Dates					
DATE	6th Year	5th Year	4th Year		
WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH	CONSTRUCTION STUDIES PRACTICAL (9.45 - 11.45)	CLASS Ag. Science Ppt			
THURSDAY 5 MARCH	CONSTRUCTION ST (9.00 - 12.00) ECONOMICS (1.30 - 4.30)	MUSIC (1.30 - 4.30) 2h	GERMAN LATIN (9.00 - 11.5h)		
FRIEDAY 6 MARCH	5th YEAR REGULATION EXAMS ENGLISH PAPER 1 (9.00 - 11.30)	GERMAN SPANISH LATIN (1.30 - 4.30) 2h	APPLIED MATHS (9.00 - 11.5h)		
	HOMER ECONOMICS (1.30 - 5.30) MUSIC (1.30 - 4.45)	HISTORY OF ART (1.30 - 4.30) 2h	ACCOUNTING (1.30 - 5.30)	MUSIC (1.30 - 4.45)	
MONDAY 9 MARCH	GEOGRAPHY (9.00 - 11.30)	MATHEMATICS (10.00 - 12.00)	RISK ORALS (10.00 - 12.00)	SCIENCE (14.00 - 17.00)	ENGLISH (14.00 - 17.00)
	MATHEMATICS (1.30 - 4.30)	ACCOUNTING (1.30 - 4.30)	ECONOMICS (1.30 - 5.30)	REVISION (1.30 - 5.30)	GARAGE (1.30 - 5.30)
TUESDAY 10 MARCH	GARAGE PAPER 1 (9.00 - 12.00)	FRENCH (9.00 - 12.00)	SPANISH (9.00 - 12.00)	Romco B Juliet (ALL)	GERMAN SPANISH LATIN (14.00 - 17.00)
	GARAGE PAPER 1 (1.30 - 5.30)	BUSINESS (1.30 - 5.30)	CONV. STUDIES (1.30 - 5.30)	FRENCH (1.30 - 5.30)	MUSIC (1.30 - 5.30)
WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH	MUSIC (9.00 - 12.00)	ART PRACTICAL (9.00 - 12.00)	FRENCH (9.00 - 12.00)	HISTORY (14.00 - 17.00)	MUSIC (14.00 - 17.00)
THURSDAY 12 MARCH	MUSIC (9.00 - 12.00)	MUSIC (14.00 - 17.00)	PHYSICS (14.00 - 17.00)	MUSIC (14.00 - 17.00)	ART PRACTICAL (14.00 - 17.00)
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Monday 16th March & Tuesday 17th March - No School					
WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH	FRENCH (9.00 - 12.00)	PHYSICS (14.00 - 17.00)	PHYSICS (14.00 - 17.00)	GARAGE (14.00 - 17.00)	MATHEMATICS (14.00 - 17.00)
THURSDAY 19 MARCH	GERMAN HOMER ECONOMICS (9.00 - 11.30)	PHYSICS (14.00 - 17.00)	GARAGE (14.00 - 17.00)	TECHNICAL GRAPHICS (14.00 - 17.00)	SCIENCE (14.00 - 17.00)
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FRIEDAY 20 MARCH	SPANISH (9.00 - 11.30) LATIN (1.30 - 5.30)	CHEMISTRY (14.00 - 17.00)	GERMAN (14.00 - 17.00)	ART PRACTICAL (14.00 - 17.00)	BUSINESS STUDIES (14.00 - 17.00)
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KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH PEOPLE

Talking to my friends and family online, even though I can't see them in person, has helped and will help me pass the time until we get back into school.



Sport and friends help us through challenging times because they allow us to relieve some of our stress and forget the problems that we have in our lives.



“Animals are such agreeable friends—they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.”

— George Eliot, *Mr Gilfil's Love Story*



My Cocker Spaniel

“When was the last time you spent a quiet moment just doing nothing – just sitting and looking at the sea, or watching the wind blowing the tree limbs, or waves rippling on a pond, a flickering candle or children playing in the park?”

– **Ralph Marston**



Carysfort Park, Blackrock

“It’s supposed to be automatic, but actually you have to push this button.” – John Brunner

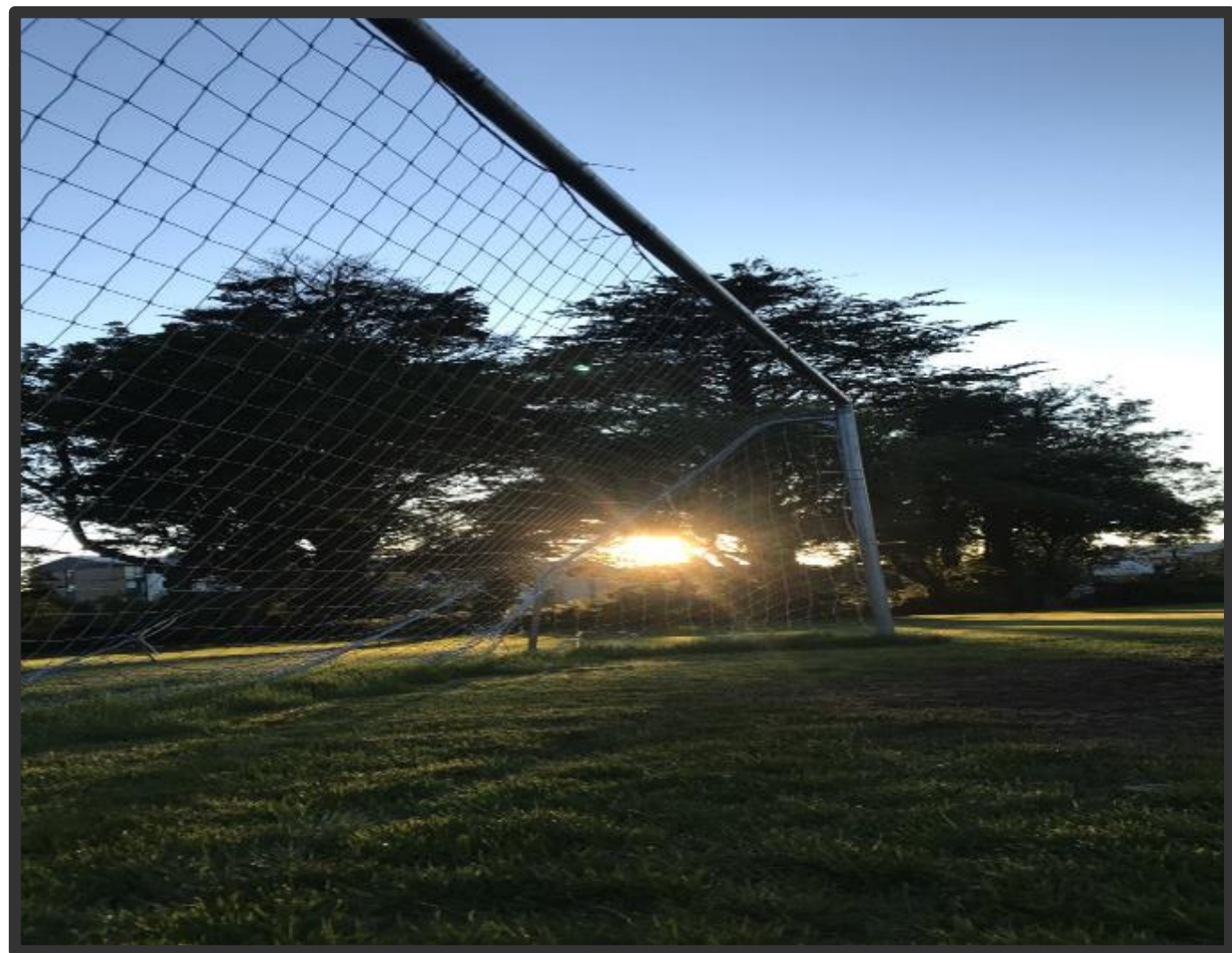


NETFLIX

Human's Best Friend



**SOME
OLD-FASHIONED
THINGS LIKE
FRESH AIR
AND SUNSHINE
ARE HARD TO BEAT.**
-LAURA INGALLS WILDER





"It is extraordinary to see the sea; what a spectacle! She is so unfettered that one wonders whether it is possible that she again become calm."

Claude Monet



A scenic landscape photograph serves as the background. It features a dark brown horse standing on a grassy bank, looking down at a small pond. The pond reflects the surrounding trees and the sky. The background consists of rolling hills covered in dense, autumn-colored foliage (yellows, oranges, and browns) under a soft, hazy sky. A large, semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the poem's title and text.

Nothing Gold Can Stay

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.

By Robert Frost



On a Lane in Spring

A little lane - the brook runs close beside,
And spangles in the sunshine, while the fish glide swiftly by;
And hedges leafing with the green springtide;
From out their greenery the old birds fly,
And chirp and whistle in the morning sun;
The pilewort glitters 'neath the pale blue sky,
The little robin has its nest begun
The grass-green linnets round the bushes fly.
How mild the spring comes in! the daisy buds
Lift up their golden blossoms to the sky.
How lovely are the pingles in the woods!
Here a beetle runs - and there a fly
Rests on the arum leaf in bottle-green,
And all the spring in this sweet lane is seen.

BY JOHN CLARE

A Man's Best Friend

My Best Friend

By Abby Jenkins

Published: March 2011

Black and white

Thick and furry

Fast as the wind

Always in a hurry

Couple of spots

Rub my ears

Always comes when his name he hears

Loves his ball; it's his favorite thing

What's most fun for him? Everything!

Great big tongue that licks my face

Has a crate, his very own space

Big brown eyes like moon pies

He's my friend till the very end!



My 4th Year Trip to
Philadelphia
(Scott in photo)

“Traveling – it leaves you
speechless, then turns you
into a storyteller.”

Ibn Battuta



The Beautiful Wild Atlantic Way (in Donegal)

My Heart Leaps Up-William
Wordsworth

My heart leaps up when I behold

A rainbow in the sky:

So was it when my life began;

So is it now I am a man;

So be it when I shall grow old,

Or let me die!

The Child is father of the Man;

And I could wish my days to be

Bound each to each by natural piety.



Political Analysis and Debate

Photograph of myself with newly chosen Taoiseach Leo Varadkar. Taken on the 22/07/2017

“In politics, nothing happens by accident. If it happens, you can bet it was planned that way.” - Franklin D. Roosevelt.



Studying History

A section of the of the bomb dropped on Donore Terrace by Germany on 03/01/1941 during World War II. This section was collected by my Great Grandfather from the scene and is now in my possession.

“All history is man’s efforts to realise ideals” – Eamon de Valera



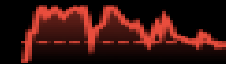
Understanding the economy/ Studying Economics

A picture taken on my phone on the 18/03/2020 displaying the market drop during the last month, over 10,000 points and 1/3 of the market

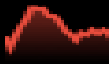
“One of the great mistakes is to judge policies and programs by their intentions rather than their results.” – Milton Friedman

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Dow Jones Industrial Average

19,212.59 -

18 Feb 2020 – 18 Mar 2020
-10,036 -34.32%



Open 20,188.69
High 20,489.33
Low 19,056.49

Vol 504.3M
P/E -
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Yahoo Finance

Stock market news live: Dow erases gains

Achieving

A photograph taken of me on Prize Day last year having won prizes in both History and Economics. Taken on the 25/05/2020

“Intelligence without ambition is a bird without wings” – Salvador Dali





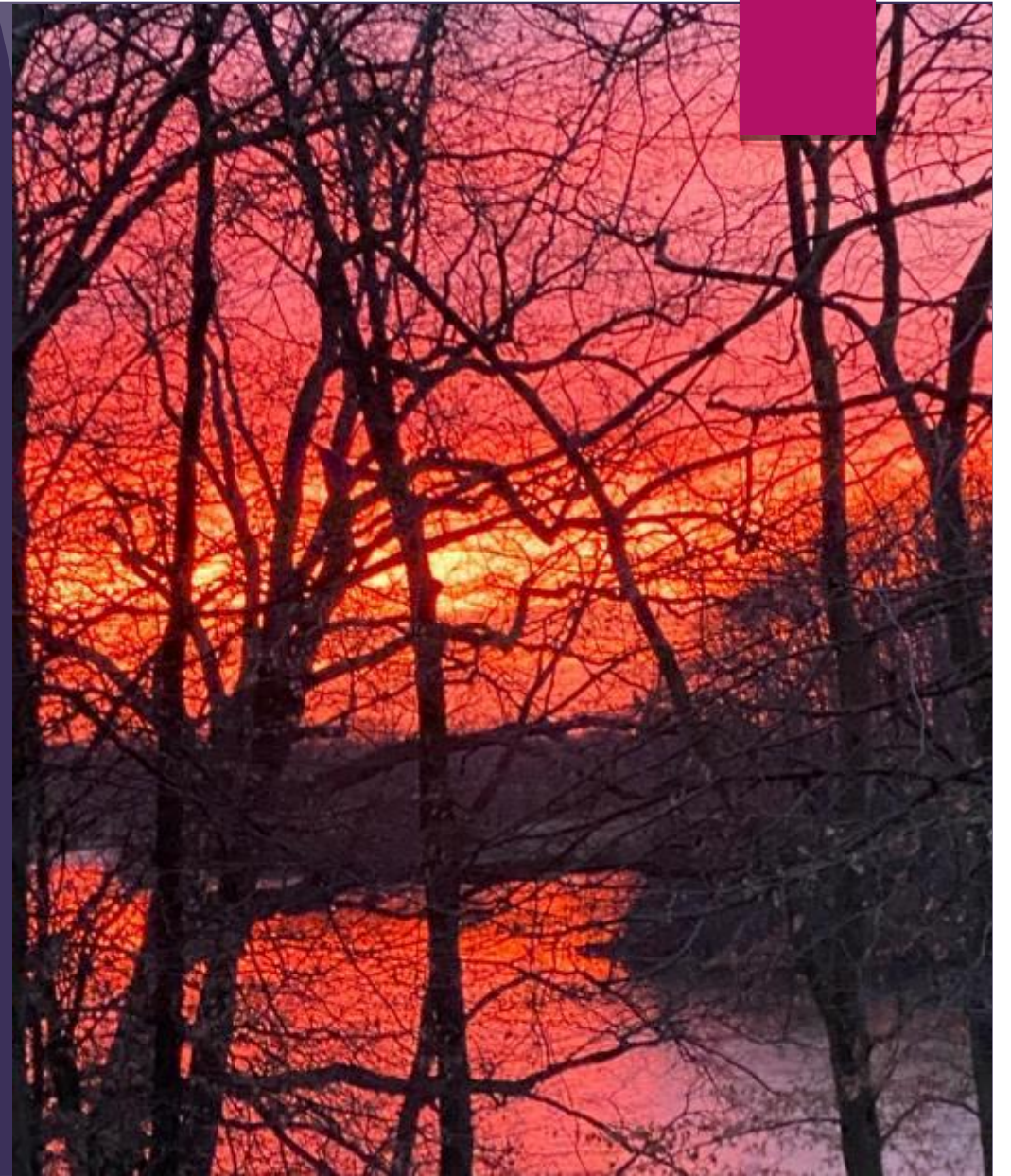
Dogs are the epitome of joy. Even in a global crisis, they are able to relax and enjoy themselves, and we'll ignore the fact that it's because they don't know what's happening. Seeing my dogs brings a tremendous amount of joy to me!



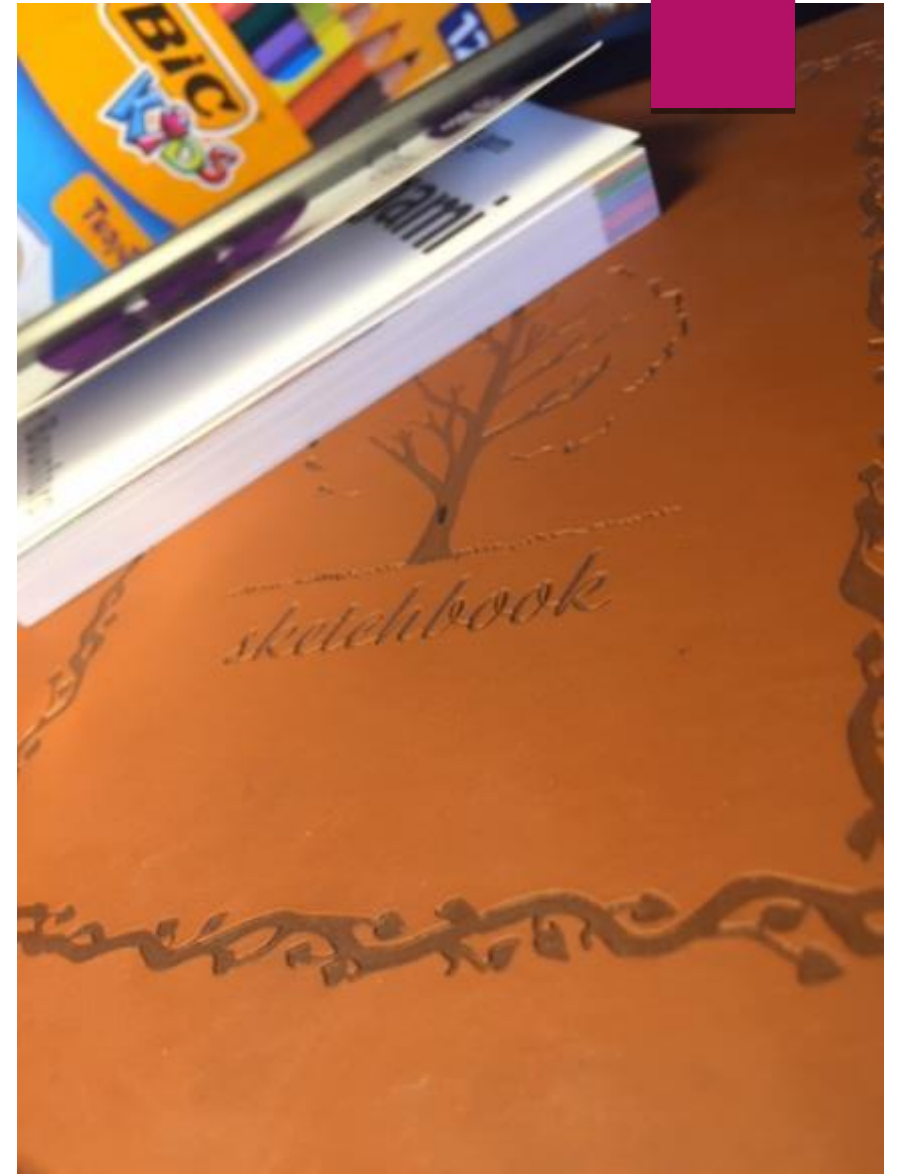
“Pizza makes me think
that anything is possible“

- Henry Rollins

During this current period of quarantine many people are out embracing nature while they still can. This photo was sent to me by my uncle who lives abroad, and even though I am not there experiencing it, the photo is enough to bring me the joy.



"To be really happy and really safe, one ought to have at least two or three hobbies, and they must all be real"
- Winston Churchill.





Leisure

"What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare."


William Henry Davies



FAMILY

This is my cousin who lives in Cleveland, Ohio. We hope to visit her and all my American cousins later in the summer if everything returns to normal.

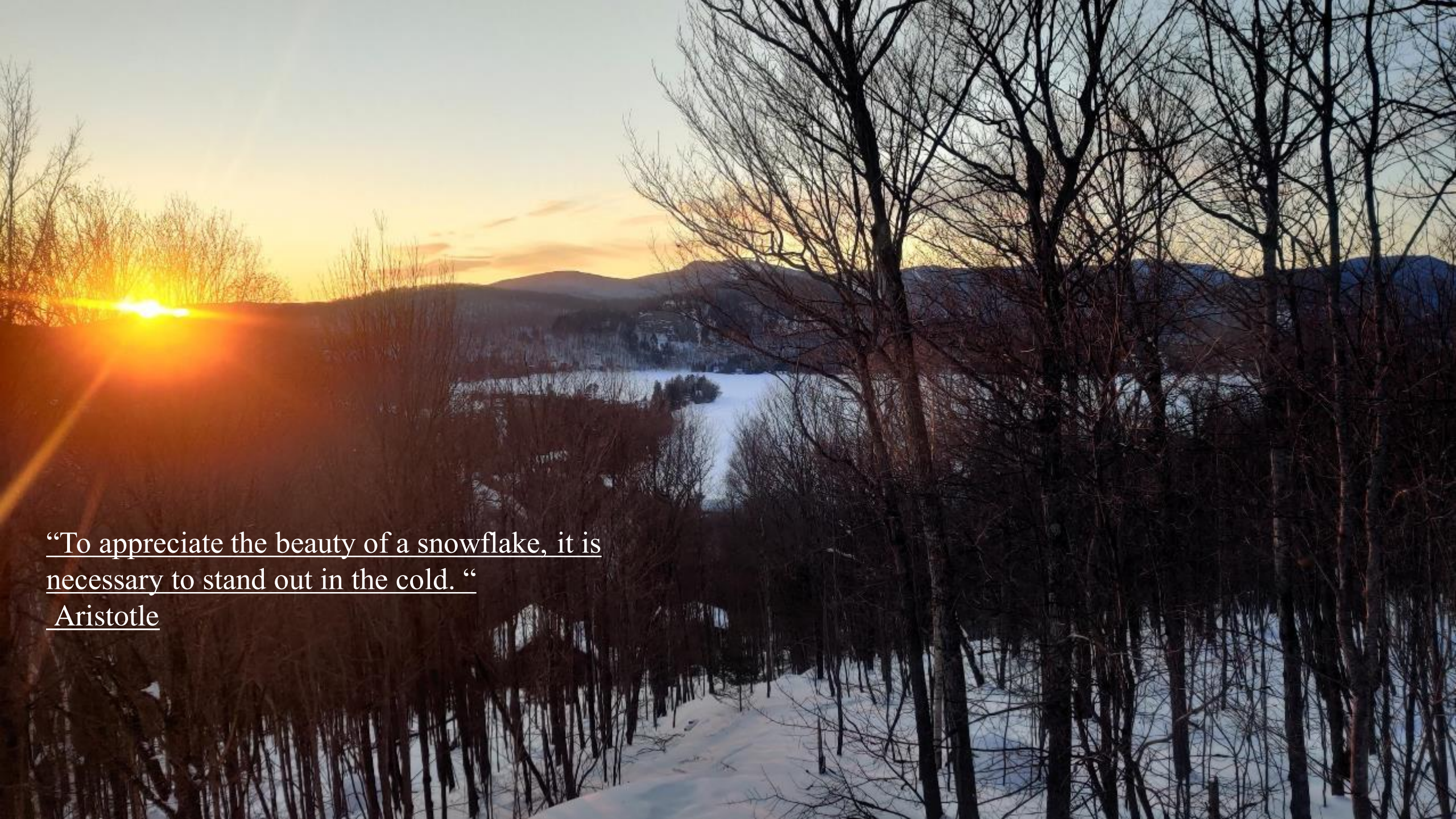
“Family: like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one” – Unknown.



“I get home at the end of the day and I don’t want to talk. All I want to do is lay on the floor and pet my dogs and my cats.”

-Ellen DeGeneres



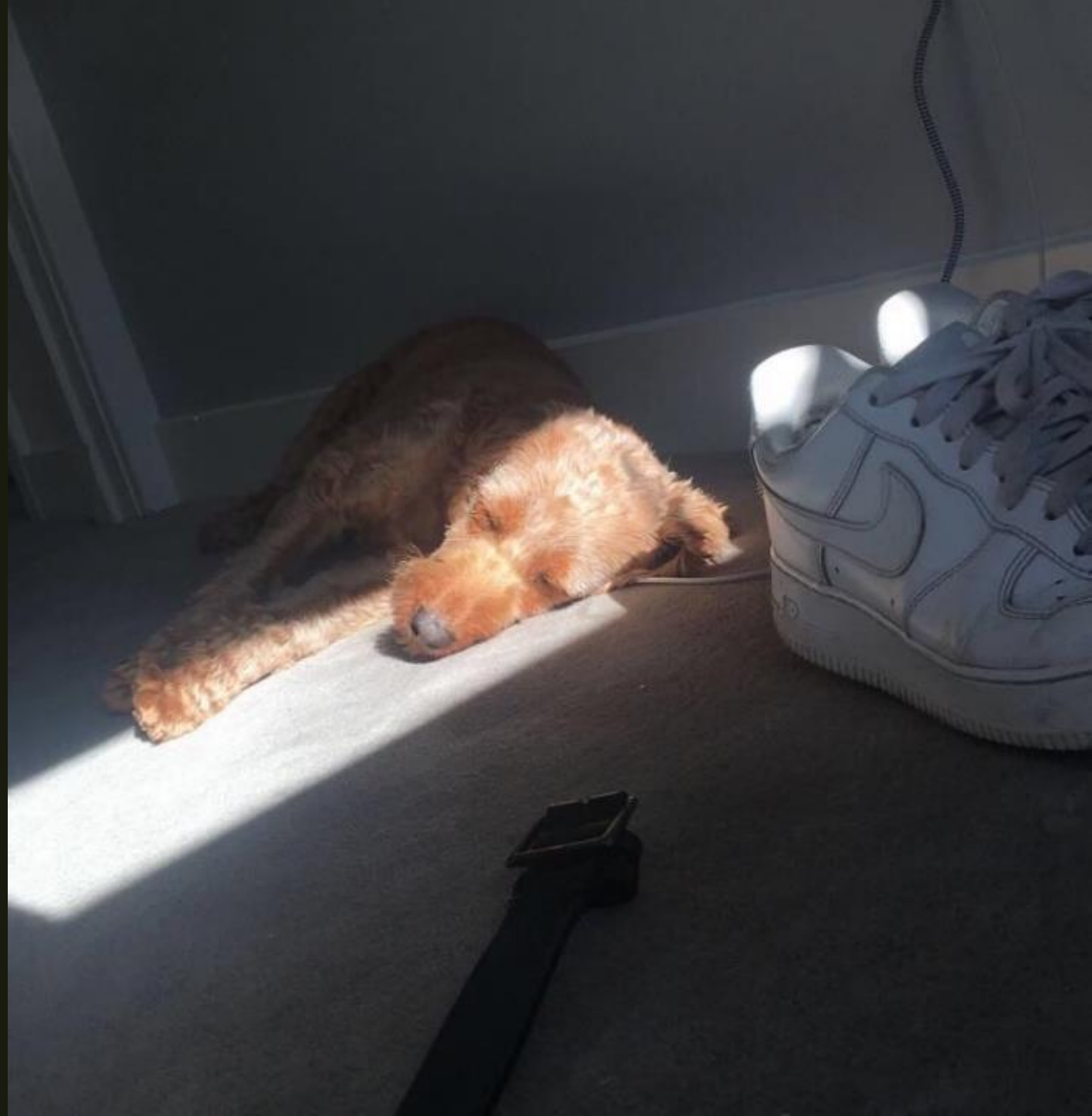


“To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is
necessary to stand out in the cold. “
Aristotle

My dog Cooper

"A dog has no use for fancy cars, big homes, or designer clothes. A water logged stick will do just fine. A dog doesn't care if your rich or poor, clever or dull, smart or dumb. Give him your heart and he'll give you his"

- (an excerpt from the film *Marley and Me* .)



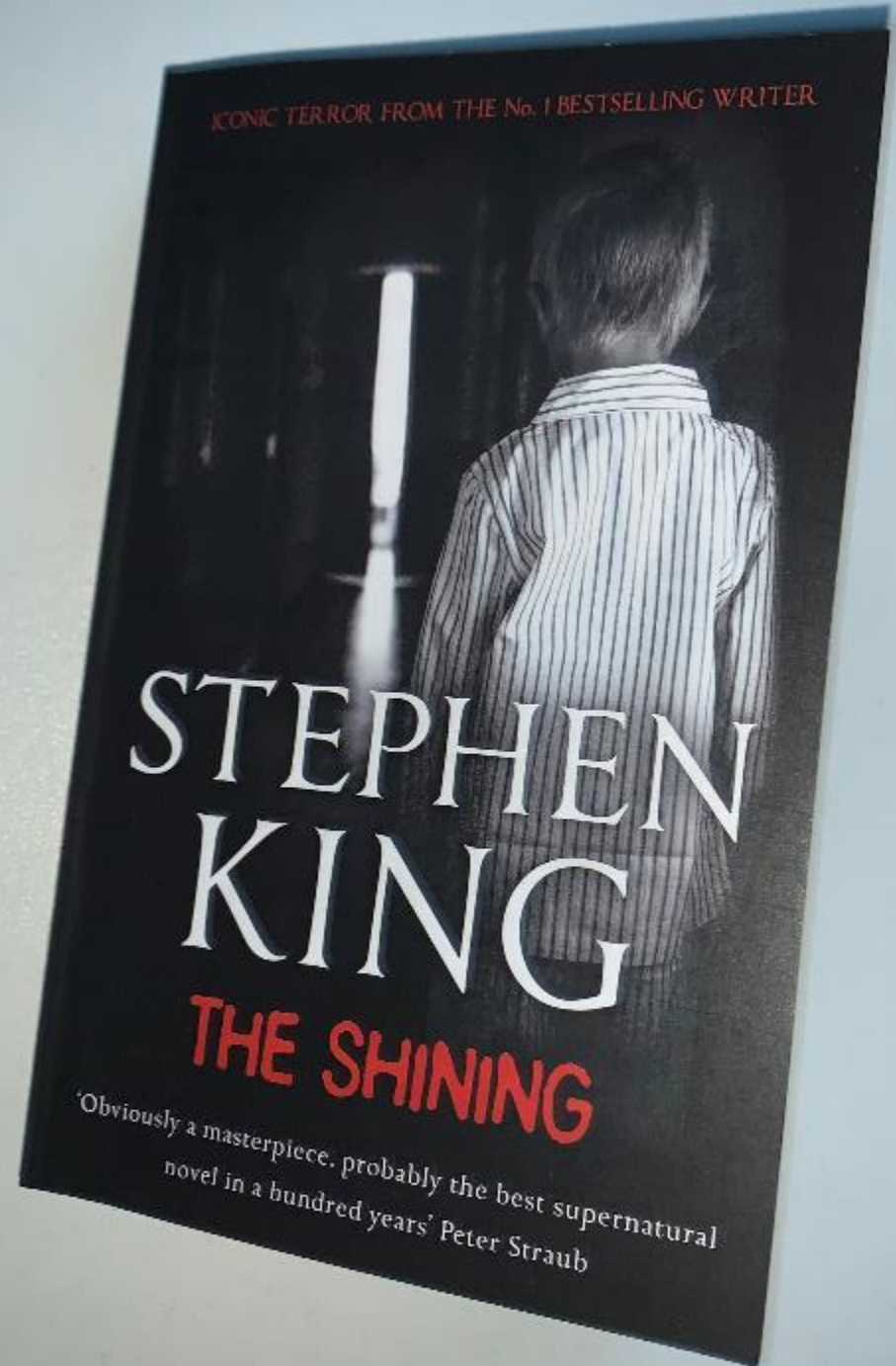
The Great Outdoors

In these challenging times the importance of staying active and getting your daily dose of exercise and fresh air cannot be overstated. It has a measurable effect on your mental health and keeps you fit which is necessary with all the snacking we are all undoubtedly doing.



Reading

With everything that is occurring in today's world it can be very beneficial to disappear and be immersed into another universe to help relieve any stress you are feeling and simply clear your mind.



Solitude

When we are all forced together it may feel at times that people are overbearing and you may be more likely to clash with someone over something very trivial: This is known as "cabin fever". To avoid this it is essential to spend time alone and clear your headspace.



Lough Dan Walk

"There's no problem so great it can't be solved. If it can't be solved it's not a problem, it's reality." - Barbara Coloroso

This quote reminds me that even though this time will be tough life goes on. Nature isn't stopped by this virus; we need to embrace the good things and find a way around the bad.





China Trip 2019

**"It is better to see
something once then to
hear about it a million
times"**



Leinster Game

**"A game of rugby is
a work of art"**



The Dog

by Ogden NASH

The truth I do not stretch or shove
When I state that the dog is full of love.
I've also found, by actual test,
A wet dog is the lovingest.





▶ **WITHOUT FOOTBALL
MY LIFE IS WORTH
NOTHING- Cristiano
Ronaldo**

- ▶ **WE'RE
CHANGING
THE WORLD
WITH
TECHNOLOGY**
- **Bill Gates**





“Time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time.” -
Bertrand Russell





Monuments
bring calm when
contrasted with
nature and
humanity





Good art should
create a reaction

“Dogs are not
our whole life,
but they make
our lives whole.”

– Otto von
Bismarck



Summer oh Summer

- Bianca McKay

Look outside your window

The sun is calling you to come out and play

The pool tempting you to jump in

The air warning you that if you don't go out you'll regret it

Summer oh summer oh summer

Look outside your window

The sun in the sky, filling you with glee

Joyfulness of breathing in open air

The warmth making you feel like you want to run and be wild

Summer oh summer oh summer

Look outside your window


Doesn't the hotness make you want to do something?

Doesn't the heat make you want to jump in that pool?

Doesn't summer make you want to have a blast, be wild, be happy?

Summer oh summer oh summer



A black dog with a pink collar stands in a lush green yard. In the background, there is a trampoline with a green safety net and a play structure. The scene is bathed in bright sunlight, creating a warm and happy atmosphere.

“Why does watching a
dog being a dog fill
one with happiness?”

Jonathan Safran Foer

“In his blue gardens men and girls came and
went like moths among the whisperings and the
champagne and the stars.”

Nick – The Great Gatsby



'Fireman's Lift' by Eiléan Ni Chuilleanáin

'Where the church splits wide open to admit
Celestial choirs, the fall-out of brightness.

The Virgin was spiralling to heaven, Hauled
up in stage. Past mist and shining, teams or
angelic arms'



“Come sit a while on
this seat, where eagles
eye and oceans meet”

This quote is engraved onto a bench
on Killiney Hill, which overlooks
onto Dalkey Island. This photo was
taken on Easter Sunday morning
2019, at sunrise mass on Killiney
Hill.



'Skating' by William Wordsworth

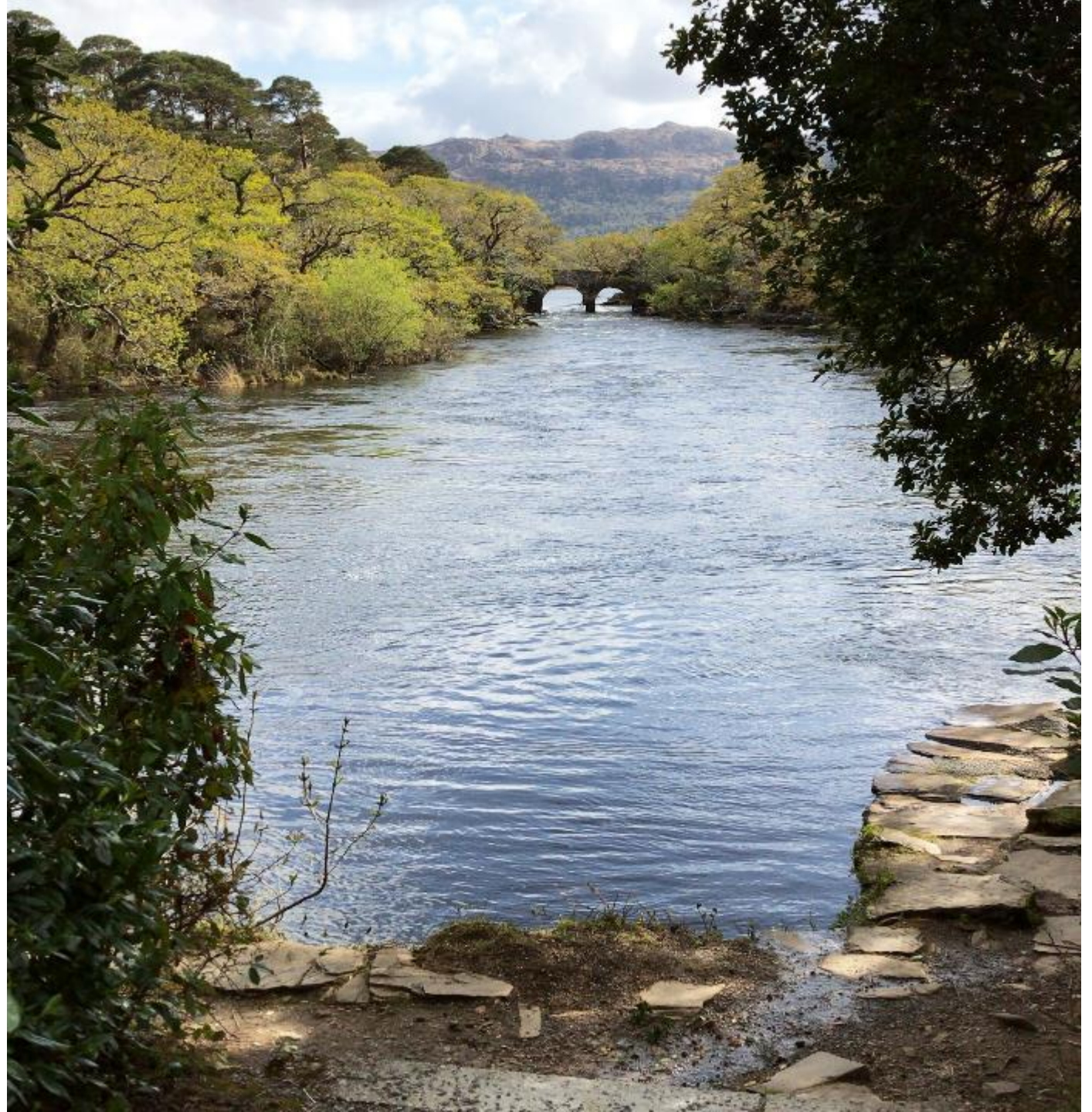
“While the stars Eastward
were sparkling clear, and in
the west The orange sky of
evening died away.”



“Spring Pools” by Robert Frost

“These pools that, though in forests, still reflect
The total sky almost without defect,
And like the flowers beside them, chill and
shiver,
Will like the flowers beside them soon be gone,
And yet not out by any brook or river,
But up by roots to bring dark foliage on.

The trees that have it in their pent-up buds
To darken nature and be summer woods -
Let them think twice before they use their
powers
To blot out and drink up and sweep away
These flowery waters and these watery flowers
From snow that melted only yesterday.”



“Hope is a thing with feathers” by Emily Dickinson

“Hope” is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -
And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -
I’ve heard it in the chilliest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.”

This picture was taken on the 12th of March 2020,
just before schools were closed due to the Covid-19
crisis. The picture represents a sense of hope that
one day soon this will all be over and we can return
to our normal lives.

Michael Cagney English 68



“ Perhaps we can frighten away the ghost of so many years ago with a little illumination.”

-The Auctioneer (The Phantom of the Opera)





“If music be the food of love, play on, Give me excess of it; that surfeiting, The appetite may sicken, and so die.”
- *William Shakespeare*



“I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being.”

- *Oscar Wilde*



“Family isn’t always blood. It’s the people in your life who want you in theirs. The ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile, and who love you no matter what.” -unknown .



“Even the darkest night will
end and the sun will rise.”

- Victor Hugo,
‘Les Misérables’

“He who experiences the unity of life sees his own Self in all beings, and all beings in his own Self, and looks on everything with an impartial eye.”

- Buddah





“Be strong, be fearless, be beautiful. And believe that anything is possible when you have the right people there to support you.”

- *Misty Copeland*

There are some sights in the world that cannot be appreciated fully from photographs, **the Duomo di Firenze** is one of these sights.

As I crossed the Ponte Vecchio and made my way through the streets of Florence, little could prepare me for the majesty of this glorious church, rising from the streets below.

All around me, tourists stopped and gaped in wonder as the afternoon sun glinted over the bell tower and illuminated the piazza below. For me this was a moment of pure undiluted bliss and I stood for a while, drinking in the atmosphere and ambiance created by this triumph of architecture and divinity.



The Dome of the Boston Public Library

I was standing beside you looking up
Through the big tree of the cupola
Where the church splits
wide open to admit Celestial choirs,
the fall-out of brightness.
The Virgin was spiralling to heaven,
Hauled up in stages. Past mist and shining,
Teams of angelic arms were heaving,
Supporting, crowding her,
and we stepped Back, as the painter
longed to While his arm swept in the large strokes.
We saw the work entire, and how light
Melted and faded bodies so that
Loose feet and elbows and
staring eyes Floated in the wide stone petticoat
Clear and free as weeds. This is what love sees,
that angle:

"Fireman's Lift" by Eilean Ni Chuilleanain



**The very end of Rosslare Beach, the
site of many of my childhood holidays**

Oh, hush thee, my baby, the night is behind us
And black are the waters that sparkled so green
The moon, o'er the combers, looks downward to find
us
At rest in the hollows that rustle between

Where billow meets billow, then soft be thy pillow
Oh weary wee flipperling, curl at thy ease
The storm shall not wake thee, nor shark overtake thee
Asleep in the arms of the slow swinging seas

Asleep in the arms
Of the slow swinging seas.

"The Seal's Lullaby" by Rudyard Kipling

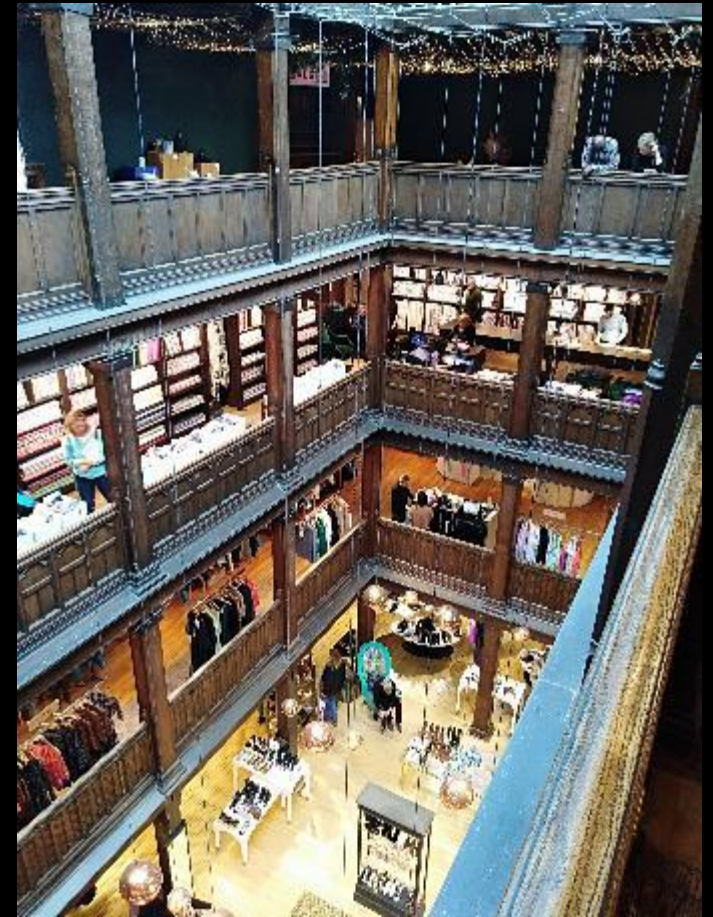


I would not consider myself to be a shopping fan in any sense of the word, yet there is one store in London that brings me a great sense of comfort and pleasure whenever I enter its doors.

Liberty is so different to the other major department stores of Europe. It often lacks the throngs of tourists that bombard Harrods or Selfridges, it has stunning Tudor style architecture and a wide range of products.

Not just clothes and jewellery. While I rarely ever buy anything here, I still always visit whenever I'm in town, there are very few places outside of Ireland that can have such an appealing and calming effect on me.

**Liberty Department Store,
Regent Street, London**



Composed Upon Westminster Bridge, 3 September 1802
By William Wordsworth

Earth has not any thing to show more fair:
Dull would he be of soul who could pass by
A sight so touching in its majesty:
This City now doth, like a garment, wear
The beauty of the morning; silent, bare,
Ships, towers, domes, theatres, and temples lie
Open unto the fields, and to the sky;
All bright and glittering in the smokeless air.
Never did sun more beautifully steep
In his first splendour, valley, rock, or hill;
Ne'er saw I, never felt, a calm so deep!
The river glideth at his own sweet will:
Dear God! the very houses seem asleep;
And all that mighty heart is lying still!



Dun Laoghaire harbour-2020



This image is one I took myself during a trip on one of my friends boats. This picture in particular had an impact compared to any of the others I have taken. I felt a sense of safety, being so isolated and far away from human presence, likely due to the outbreak of the recent virus. The rough, cold waves offer me protection from the constant problems of the human world.

Another reason I am particularly fond of this photograph is because it is not typical of a beautiful day at sea, but it conveys the beauty of nature in a more harsh, upfront manner. I prefer that as it gives a true view of nature, not an idyllic , but un-common one.

My garden during the snow of February 2018



In the Bleak Midwinter
BY CHRISTINA ROSSETTI

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day,
Breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels fall before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

Grafton Street- Christmas Eve 2019



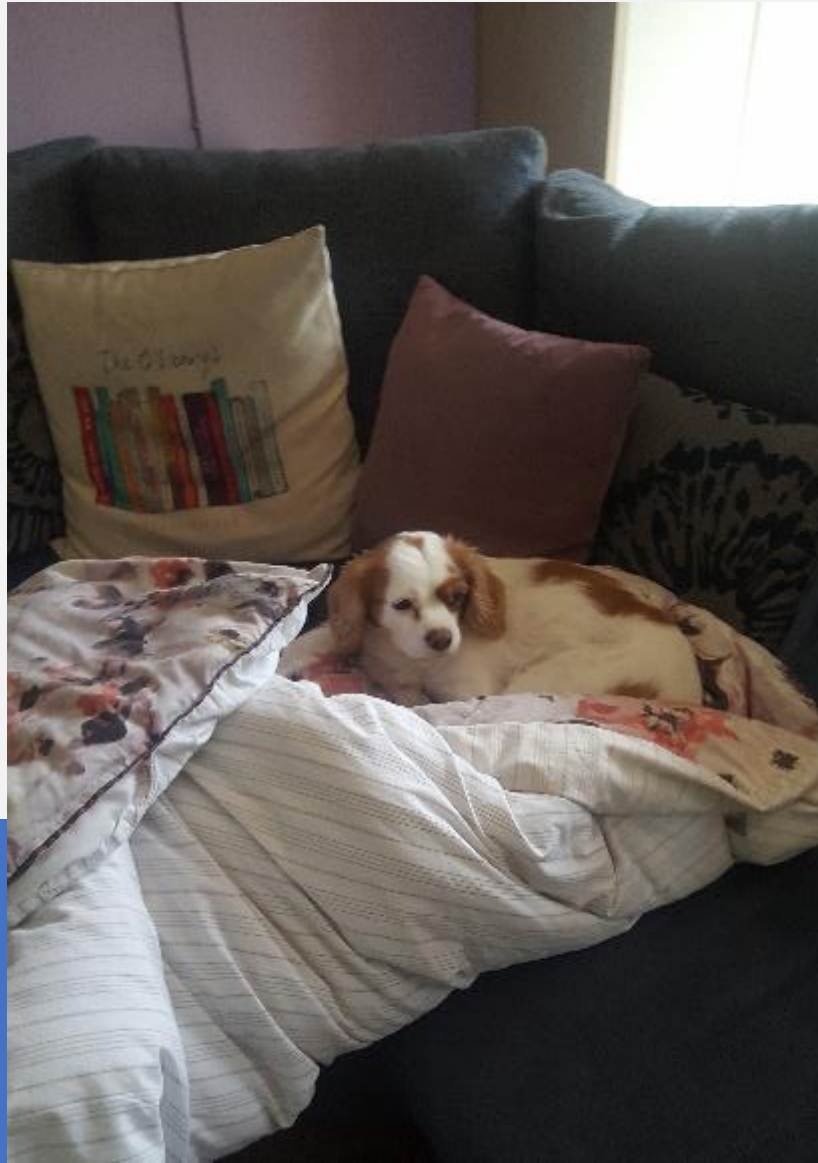
This is an image I took after having a meal in town on Christmas eve with my family. All the people are gathered to see a busker singing Christmas carols. Since the outbreak of the virus, seeing a photo of so many people in such close quarters could trigger anxiety for many people, but for me it signifies a time of togetherness.



Carysfort Park- Ducklings in the Lake

*The Road goes ever on and on,
Down from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone,
And I must follow, if I can,
Pursuing it with eager feet,
Until it joins some larger way
Where many paths and errands meet.
And whither then? I cannot say*

*-Bilbo Baggins, The Fellowship of the Ring
"Walking Song"*



My doggo, Lola

"I don't care when the human goes to bed. I would just like a forehead kiss before they do."
- Thoughts of a dog, Twitter page

BY [WILLIAM WORDSWORTH](#)

It is a beauteous evening, calm and free,
The holy time is quiet as a Nun
Breathless with adoration; the broad sun
Is sinking down in its tranquillity;
The gentleness of heaven broods o'er the Sea;
Listen! the mighty Being is awake,
And doth with his eternal motion make
A sound like thunder—everlastingly.
Dear child! dear Girl! that walkest with me here,
If thou appear untouched by solemn thought,
Thy nature is not therefore less divine:
Thou liest in Abraham's bosom all the year;
And worshipp'st at the Temple's inner shrine,
God being with thee when we know it not.





This photo is from when I went on holiday last summer to Portugal. The photo is of Vila Nova de Gaia in Porto. It reminds me of holidays and heat which are in our not so distant future.

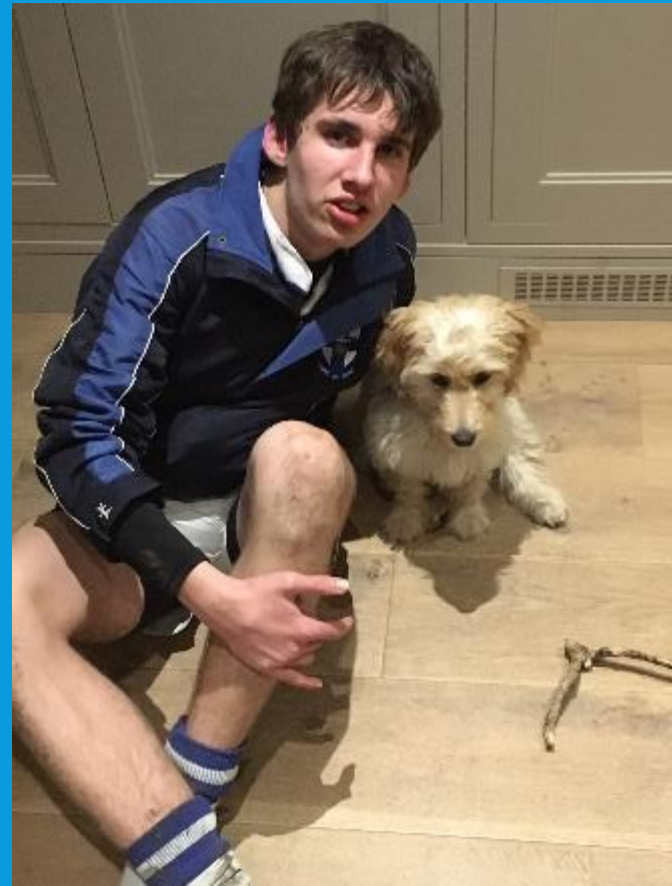
"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer."

- F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

“Dogs are not our whole life, but they
make our lives whole.”
- Rodger Caras

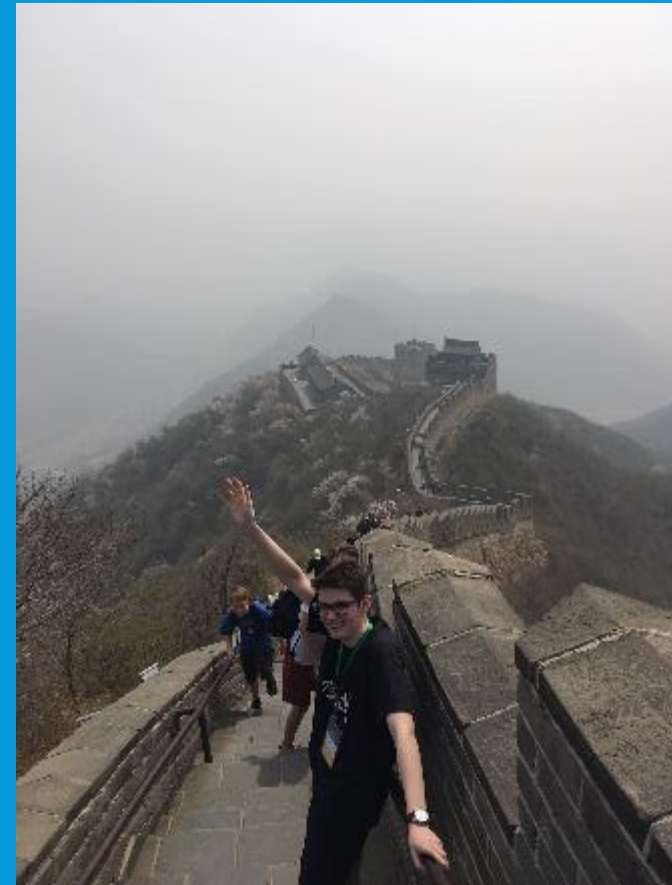


“Family is not an important thing, it’s everything.”
- Michael J. Fox



(HAVING JUST CLIMBED THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA)

“The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.”
- Thomas Paine



“Good friends are hard to find, harder to leave, and impossible to forget.”
- G. Randolph



(HAVING JUST SET A NEW PERSONAL BEST TIME FOR A RUBICK'S CUBE SOLVE)

"Every worthwhile accomplishment, big or little,
has its stages of drudgery and triumph: a
beginning, a struggle, and a victory."
- Mahatma Gandhi





My guitar

- *Music is a world within itself, it is a language we all understand. – Stevie Wonder*
- *Music, once admitted to the soul, becomes a sort of spirit, and never dies. - Edward Bulward-Lytton*
- *Let's gather 'round the campfire and sing our campfire song. – Spongebob Squarepants*



My dog

- *True friendship comes when the silence between two people is comfortable.* - David Tyson
- *Dogs never bite me, just humans.* - Marilyn Monroe
- *If you live to be 100, I hope I live to be 100 minus 1 day, so I never have to live without you.* - Winnie the Pooh

POEM BY WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.



POEM BY WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly
dance.



POEM BY WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.



A True Friendship

A crumb from the donut
a piece of toast
that's all it takes
no need to boast.
A scratch on the ear
a pat on the head
a quiet "good doggies"
no more said.
A walk in the park
a ride in the car
no need to go fast
no need to go far.
Always there
happy and content
a tried and true friendship
no need to invent.

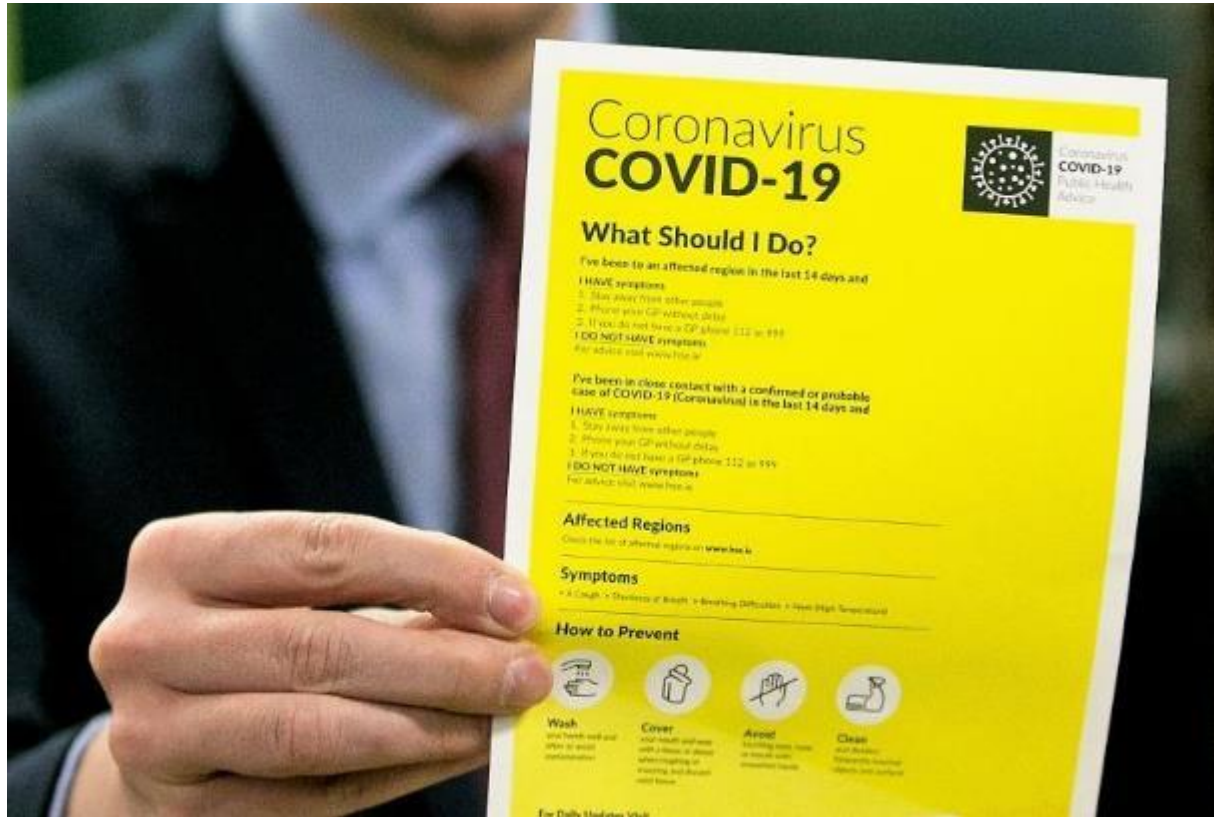
By Patricia Walter





Birth of the day

Streaming from black-holed space
sunrise fills my face.
Glorious promise of hope,
Unceasing new beginnings.
Chirping, cawing, buzzing start;
God opens the day.



History will remember when
the world stopped
And the flights stayed on
the ground.
And the cars parked in the
street.
And the trains didn't run.

History will remember when
the schools closed
And the children stayed
indoors
And the medical staff walked
towards the fire
And they didn't run.

History will remember when
the people sang
On their balconies, in
isolation
But so very much together
In courage and song.

History will remember when
the people fought
For their old and their weak
Protected the vulnerable
By doing nothing at all.

History will remember when
the virus left
And the houses opened
And the people came out
And hugged and kissed
And started again

Kinder than before.



"MARCY ME
STREETS IS MY ARTERY, THE VEIN OF MY
EXISTENCE
I'M THE GOTHAM CITY HEARTBEAT...
THAT'S POETRY READ A COCA LEAF FROM MY
PAST
CAME THROUGH THE BUSHES SMELLING LIKE
ROSES I NEED A TROPHY JUST FOR THAT" –
MARCY ME BY JAY Z

THIS IS A PICTURE OF MY DAD AND MY DOG AT THE BEACH CLOSE TO WHERE I LIVE. I FEEL LIKE THE IMAGE AND THE QUOTE ARE CONNECTED BECAUSE JAY Z IS TALKING ABOUT HOW MUCH HIS HOME IN THE MARCY PROJECTS IS A CENTRAL PART OF HIM. ALSO, HE MENTIONS HOW HIS CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED IN CERTAIN WAYS AS TO OPPOSED TO HIS YOUTH IN THE MARCY PROJECTS. AS TIME GOES ON, LIFE WILL CHANGE AND ALL THINGS IN THE PICTURE WILL CEASE TO EXIST OUTSIDE OF A MEMORY. HOWEVER, THE MEMORY WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF ME.



*The beauty of the sunset,
Tells us something each day,
That another day has ended today,
The beauty of sunrise,
Tells us this day is here to stay,
The wind blowing on the face,
Tells us life is a running race,
So, get inspired by nature each day,
To make your way!*

Wishafriend.com



The Beauty Of Sunset

• By Kevin Fang

U15 Gaelic League Winners 2019

This photo brings me joy at a time when matches and sports events are cancelled. It gives me hope that life will return to normal.



Medal presentation

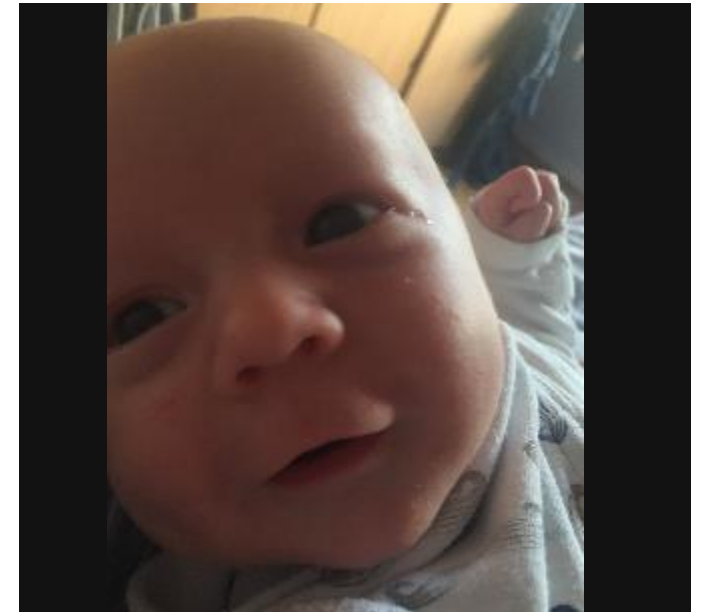
Here is a photo of a medal presentation which took place over Christmas.



Holiday in Waterford in 2018



My godson,
my baby
brother and
my baby tiger.





The fine specimen of a highlander.

“Big Bertha is very fun to ride especially if you want to be thrown around, flipped upside down and smacked into water.”.



The place
where I thrive,
also known as
the place
where I beat
my brother at
something.



My happy
place that
only takes
several days
to get there.



The sea is calm tonight.

The tide is full, the moon lies fair

Upon the straits; on the French coast the light
Gleams and is gone; the cliffs of England stand,
Glimmering and vast, out in the tranquil bay.

Come to the window, sweet is the night-air!

Only, from the long line of spray

Where the sea meets the moon-blanch'd land,
Listen! you hear the grating roar

Of pebbles which the waves draw back, and fling,
At their return, up the high strand,

Begin, and cease, and then again begin,
With tremulous cadence slow, and bring

The eternal note of sadness in.

The first stanza of Dover Beach Matthew Arnold



HERE DEAD WE LIE

BY A.E HOUSMAN

*Here dead we lie
Because we did not choose
To live and shame the land
From which we sprung.*

*Life, to be sure,
Is nothing much to lose,
But young men think it is,
And we were young.*



At the recreation of WW1 trenches in Flanders, Belgium

Take a moment.
Put the worries behind.
Take in the beauty around.
Let it relax your mind.

Watch the golden glow
Of the rising morning sun.
Embrace the peaceful aura
Of the break of dawn.

Savor the soft caress
Of the gently moving breeze.
Listen to its nifty tune
Among the swaying trees.





Life

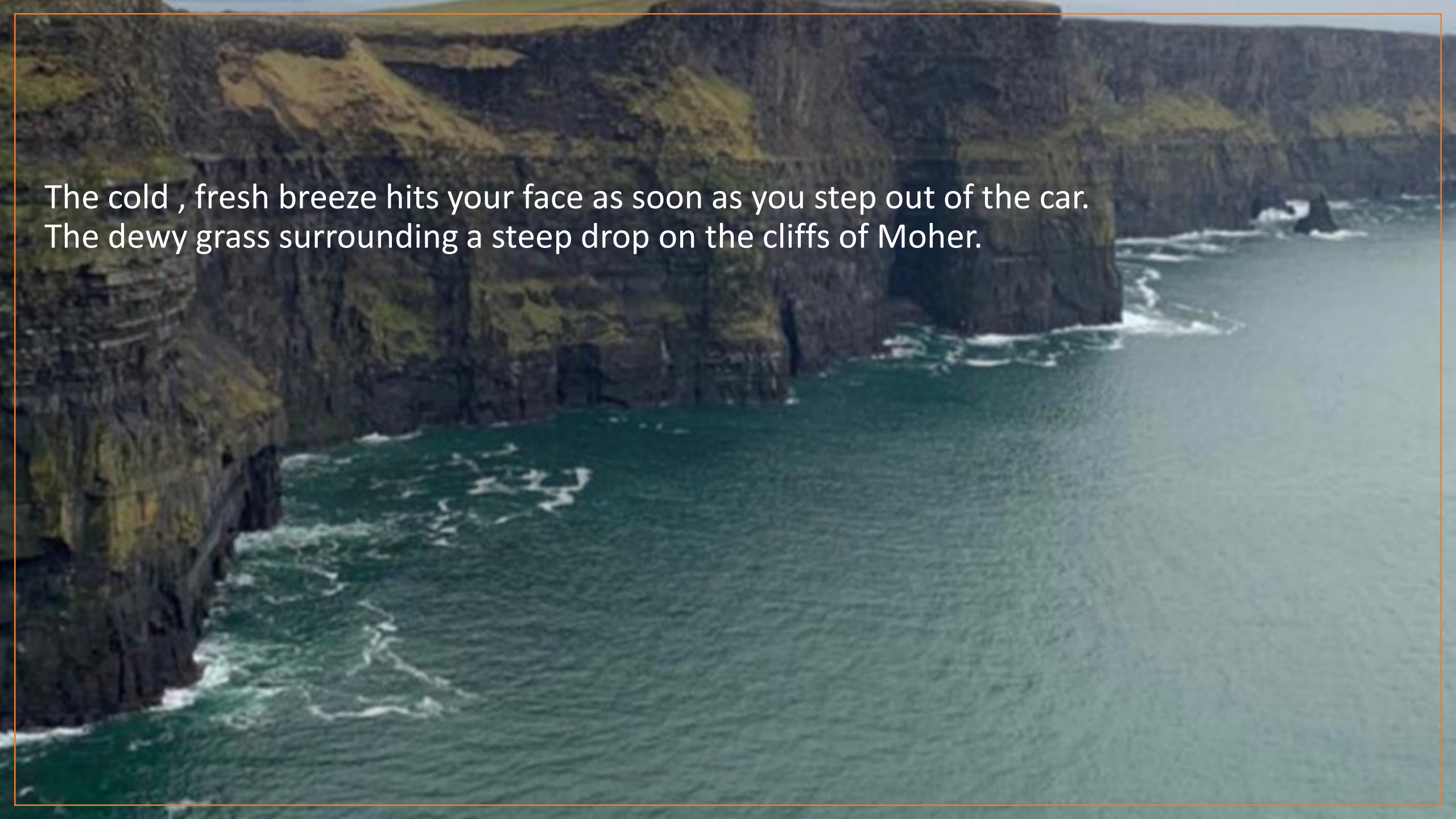
Is like the ocean. It can be calm and still or rough and rigid but in the end, it is always beautiful.

Football

Football is my favourite game
I love to watch them play
And watch them take a shot and aim
On an autumn day
How fluidly and gracefully
They dance across the green
Such elegant contenders play
The best I've ever seen.

Linda Ori



A wide-angle photograph of the Cliffs of Moher, showing the dark, layered rock formations dropping steeply to the ocean. The water is a deep greenish-blue with white foam from the waves crashing against the base of the cliffs. The sky is overcast and grey.

The cold , fresh breeze hits your face as soon as you step out of the car.
The dewy grass surrounding a steep drop on the cliffs of Moher.

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What Brings me Joy (and also Hope)

by Patrick Walsh



March 2020:

Covid-19 and Spring hope

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold, when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade."

Great Expectations
by
Charles Dickens



My Trip to New York

This is a picture I took during my trip to New York City last October. This picture reminds me of the long flights I took to and from the city, as well as the new experiences. This brings me joy as I enjoy travel, and this was my first trip to a country outside of Europe.

My Trip to Amsterdam

This is a picture I took inside of the Johan Cruyff Arena in Amsterdam. This picture reminds me of my time in Amsterdam and the various sights I saw in the city. This brings me joy as I love football, and as all football matches have been postponed due to Covid 19, this photo reminds me of watching football over the summer break.





My Dog

This is a picture I took of my dog a few months ago. Her name is Daisy and she is a bichon frise. She brings me joy as she is very caring and playful, and she is always in the house and eager to spend time with me.

My Trip to Rome

This is a picture of the Colosseum in Rome that I took during the Rome trip I went on in First Year. This photo brings me joy as it reminds me of the fun I had with my friends on the trip and the sights I saw.





My Garden

This is a picture of my garden. My garden brings me joy as it gives me space outdoors during this quarantine period.

RUGBY BY PETER LEWIS HOLMES

Some lads are running with the ball, leather,
pointed, played by all,

Though some would say it's from the south,
it's just as popular, up in LouthNow

not for me to bring up class,
seems that would be rather crass,
but here's the thing that holds steadfast,
most of us are middle-class

But we don't care where you're from,
when you tackle like a bomb,
we're all the same when match is done...
beer, good cheer, and clubhouse fun.



Faith, Family and Friends is what I'm thankful for

Erin Burns

Faith

*Seeing light with your heart
When all your eyes see is darkness*

Family

*Having a place to go is home
Having someone to love is family
Having these both is a blessing*

Friends



*Friends are angels who lift us up
When our own wings have trouble
Remembering how to fly*



‘From a place which
endured, which
waited, which is still
waiting for relief’

—*Lament for Syria* by Amineh
Abou Kerech

This is a picture of the Trevi fountain in Rome, the place that I went to during the summer holidays. This sight was beautiful and I only have good memories of the time I spent in Italy, I thought of it almost like an ideal country just how Kerech felt before the Syrian war and how Italy felt before the coronavirus outbreak.



Tasneem Hameed

"Learn character from trees
,values from roots and change
from leaves."



The Park

- “One may lack words to express the impact of beauty but no one who has felt it remains untouched. It is renewal, enlargement, intensification. The parks preserve it permanently in the inheritance of the American citizens.”
— Bernard DeVoto



Family

“People should find happiness in the little things, like family.” -
Amanda Bynes



Exercise

“The reason I exercise is for the quality of life I enjoy.” Kenneth H. Cooper





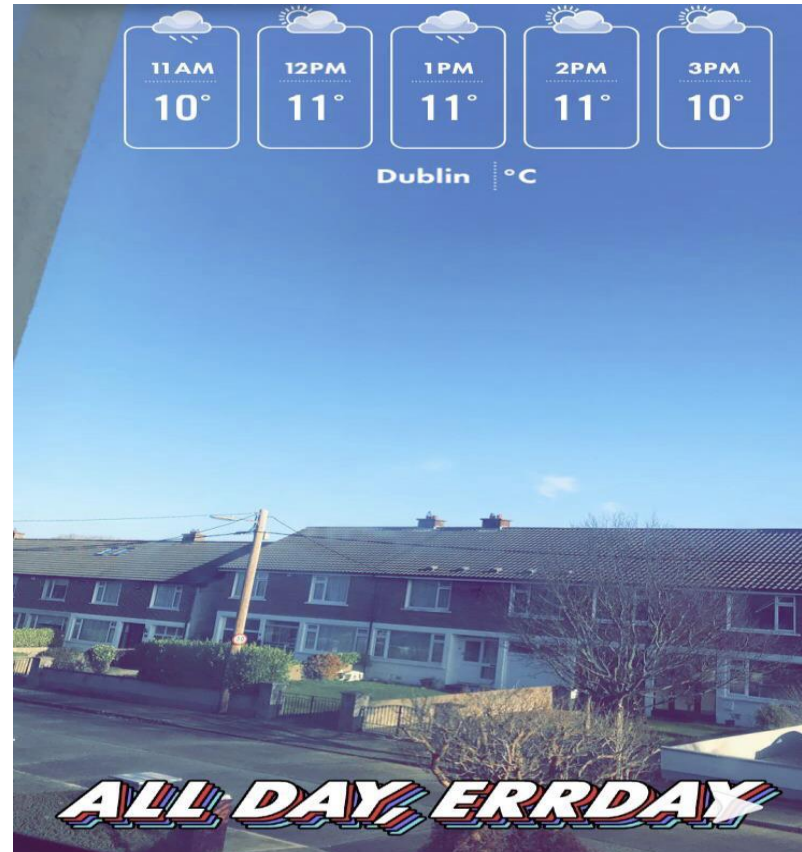
" Nature's first
green is gold"
Nothing gold
can stay

Christian Fitzgibbon

THE LEAD INTO SUMMER

DATE: 20TH MARCH 2020

"Summertime is always the best of what might be" – Charles Bowden





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My Dog

By Marchette Chute

*'His nose is short and scrubby;
His ears hang rather low;
And he always brings the stick back
No matter how far you throw,'*

AT THE RIVER


BY ROBERT WADSWORTH LOWRY

“Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
For its crystal tide for ever flowing,
By the Throne of God?”



“Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships”
-Michael Jordan





Calm mind brings inner strength
and self-confidence, so that's very
important for good health

-Dalai Lama

*"TALENT WITHOUT
WORKING HARD IS
NOTHING."* – CRISTIANO
RONALDO -





While walking on the beach

-Ralph p Quinonez

"You look out into the
water;
The waves make the
most beautiful sound.
A place you find peace
and comfort,
Walking hand in hand
and looking around."



“They join our lives
Fill our heart
We never want to part”

"They join our lives
fill our heart we
never want to part"



"Life is like
a rugby
game you
must play it
as a team"

Dogs

- A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than you love yourself.” – Josh Billings



Golf


Bobby Jones

- "Golf is the closest game we have to life. You get good breaks from bad shots; bad breaks from good shots- but you have to play the ball where it lies."
- By Ernie O'Brien



Josh Billings
-"a dog is the only
thing on earth that
loves you more than
he loves himself"





QUOTE FROM LAKE ISLE OF INNISFREE By W.B. Yeats

"I hear lake water lapping
with low sounds by the
shore"



Things that bring
me joy.

Food and the outdoors.



▣ A DREAM THAT IT IS POSSIBLE

▣ IN THE PROSESS OF GOING TO YOUR DREAMS

▣ YOU WILL FACE A LOT OF DISAPPOINTMENT AND A LOT OF FAILURE

▣ FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FACED THESE WALLS

▣ DON'T GIVE UP ON YOUR DREAM

▣ ROUGH TIME WILL HAVE TO COME

▣ BUT THESE TIMES HAVE NOT COME TO STAY BUT TO PASS

▣ GREATNESS IS NOT A GOD LIKE FEATURE

▣ THAT ONLY THE SPECIAL AMONG US WILL TASTE

▣ IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU BELIVE THAT YOU HAVE GREATNESS

THE QUOTES WERE FOUND FROM A VIDEO ON YOUTUBE <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hs18YqZoSMA>





My Dog

"The most
affectionate animal in
the world is a dog"



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