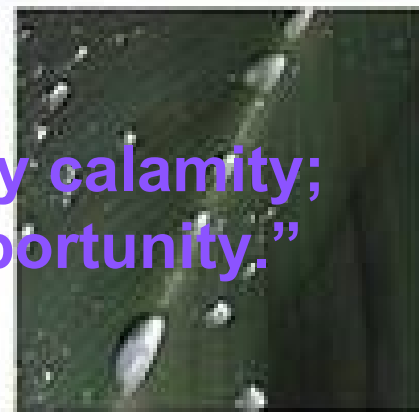
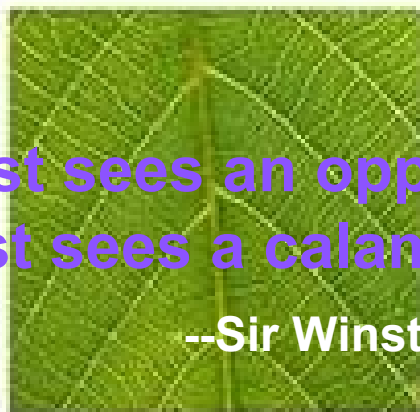


The Art of Being Positive



**“An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity;
a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity.”**

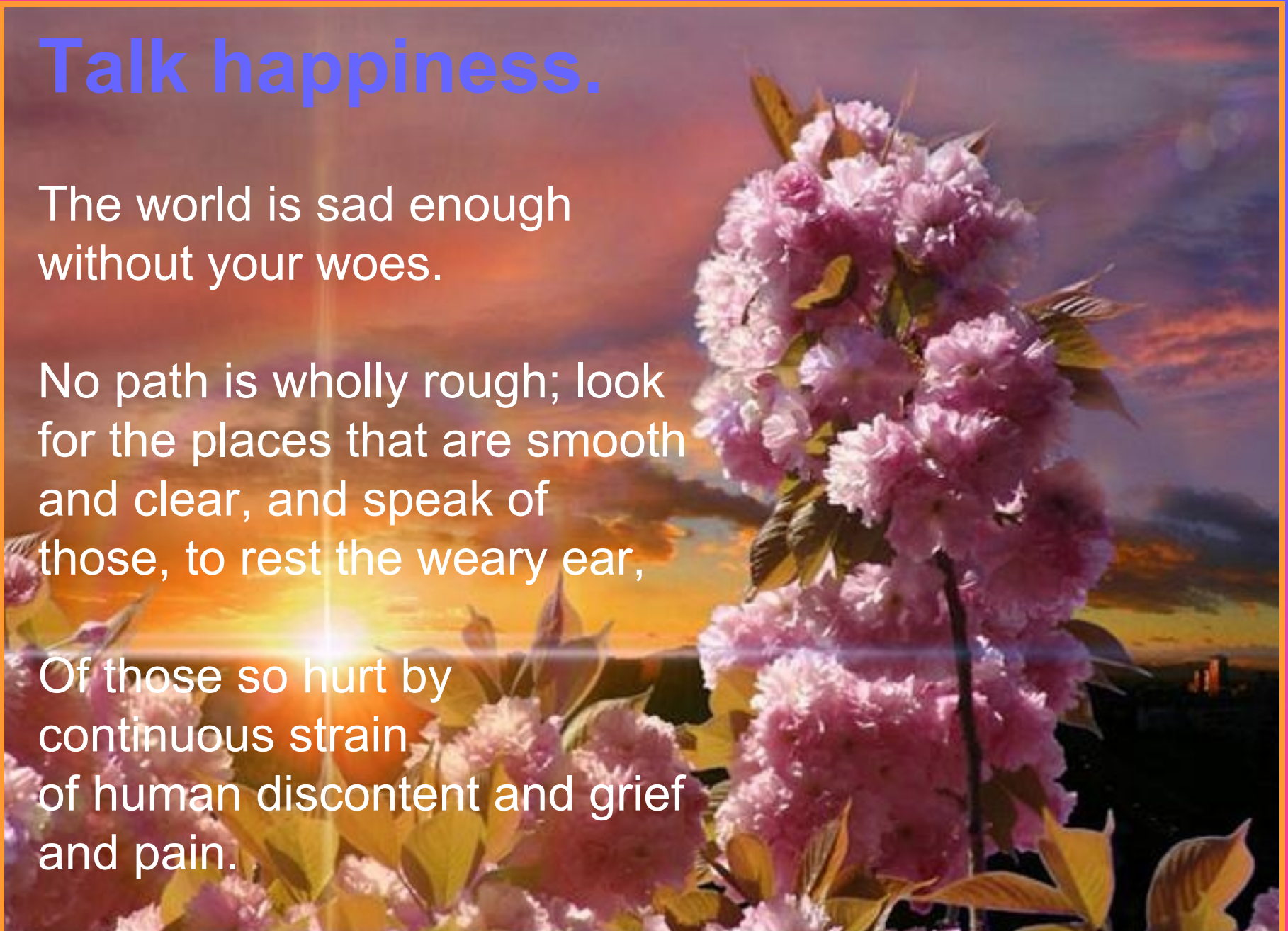
--Sir Winston Churchill

Talk happiness.

The world is sad enough
without your woes.

No path is wholly rough; look
for the places that are smooth
and clear, and speak of
those, to rest the weary ear,

Of those so hurt by
continuous strain
of human discontent and grief
and pain.





Talk faith.

The world is better off without your uttered ignorance and morbid doubt.

If you have faith in God, or Man, or self, say so.
If not, push back upon the shelf of silence all your thoughts, till faith shall come;

No one will grieve because your lips are dumb.



Talk health.

The dreary, never-changing tale of mortal maladies is worn and stale.

You cannot charm, or interest, or please by harping on that minor chord--disease.

Say you are well, or all is well with you, and God shall hear your words and make them true.

--Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Keep looking up; remember there is only mud under your feet.



Cheerfulness is what greases the axles of the world.

Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us, or we find it not.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

God has two dwellings: one in Heaven and the other in a thankful heart.

--Izaak Walton (1593-1683)

“When we know that everything has two sides, let us look at the bright side only.”

--Mahatma Gandhi

Are You Dissatisfied with Yourself?

*"Man looks on the outward appearance,
but the Lord looks on the heart"*

(1 Samuel 16:7).

We are often discontented
and much dissatisfied
That our wish for recognition
has not been gratified.

We feel that we've been cheated
in beauty, charm, and brains,
And we dwell upon our "losses",
forgetting all our "gains."

The qualities we think we lack
make us miserable inside,
As we brood on supposed "deficits"
as seen by selfish pride.



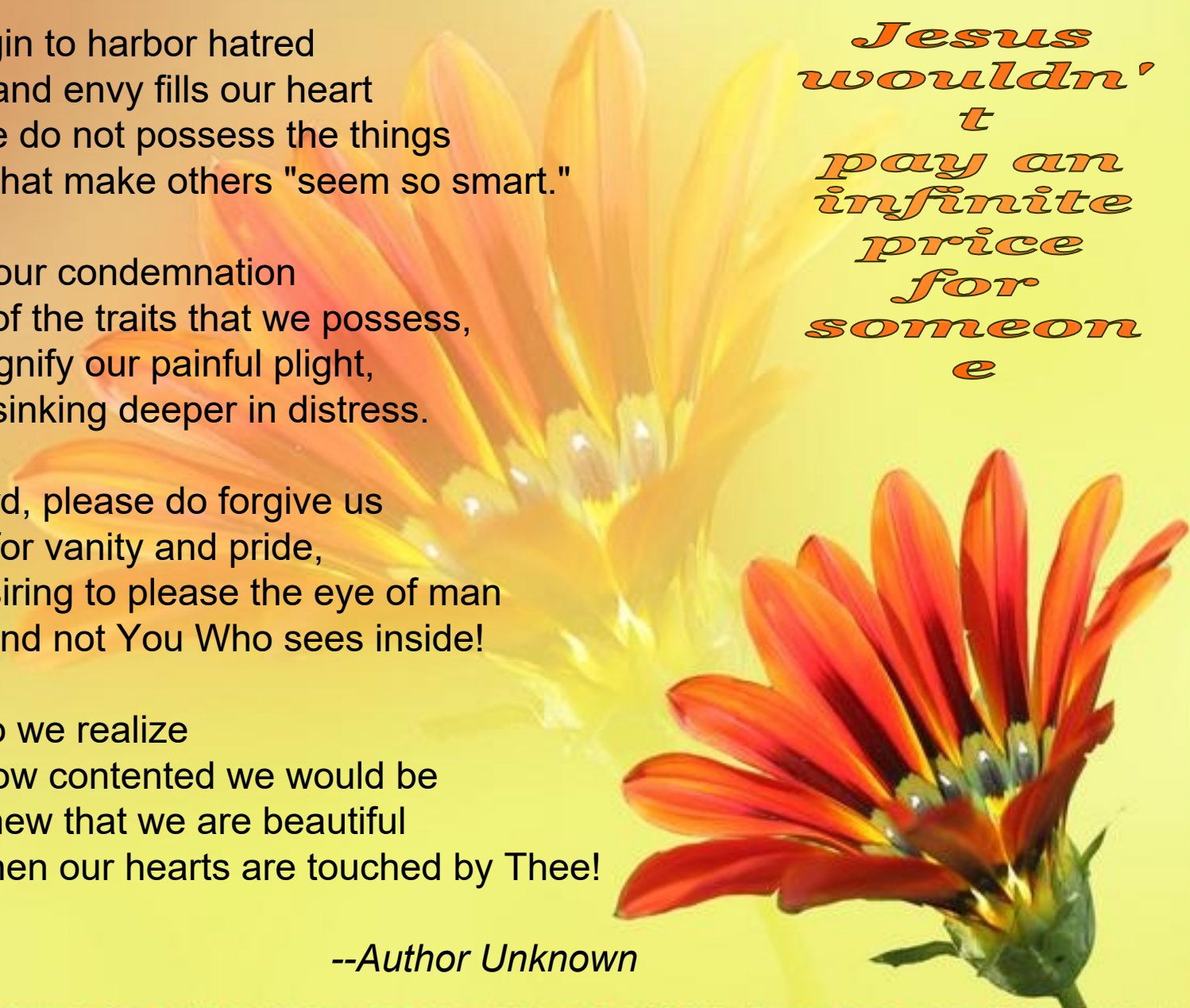
We begin to harbor hatred
and envy fills our heart
That we do not possess the things
that make others "seem so smart."

And in our condemnation
of the traits that we possess,
We magnify our painful plight,
sinking deeper in distress.

Oh, Lord, please do forgive us
for vanity and pride,
For desiring to please the eye of man
and not You Who sees inside!

Little do we realize
how contented we would be
If we knew that we are beautiful
when our hearts are touched by Thee!

--Author Unknown



*Jesus
wouldn't
pay an
infinite
price
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The wise and true
Scripture tells us,

*"As a man thinketh in his heart,
so is he."* (Proverbs 23:7)

And... *"Whatsoever things are
true, whatsoever things are
honest, whatsoever things are
just, whatsoever things are pure,
whosoever things are lovely,
whosoever things are of good
report; if there be any virtue, and
if there be any praise...*

... Think On These Things"

(Philippians 4:8).

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