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# A Simple Philosophy

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### Holy Land

Every part of earth—shining pine needles, sandy shores, dark woods, humming insects—is sacred to the Suguamish tribe.



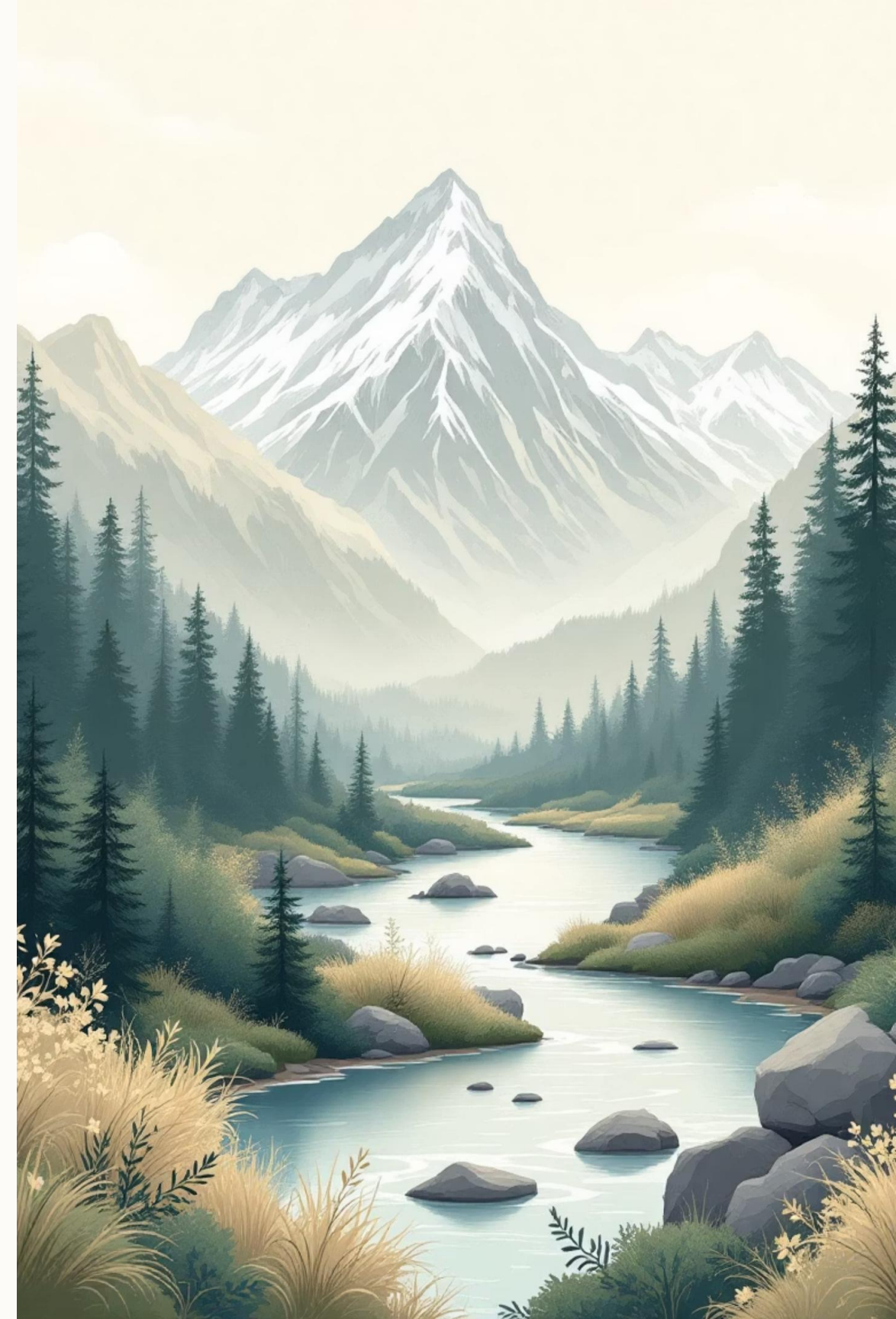
### Shared Breath

Air is precious as all living things share the same breath. The red man prefers wind cleansed by rain, scented by pine.



### Strange Concept

How can sky, warmth of land, freshness of air, or sparkle of water be sold and bought?



# The White Man's Destruction

## Treatment of Earth

The white man treats Earth like an enemy, conquering and moving on. He leaves father's graves uncared, kidnaps earth from children, extracts all nature leaving behind desert.

Thousands of buffaloes killed from trains. Wild animals more important than trains—men and beasts are connected.

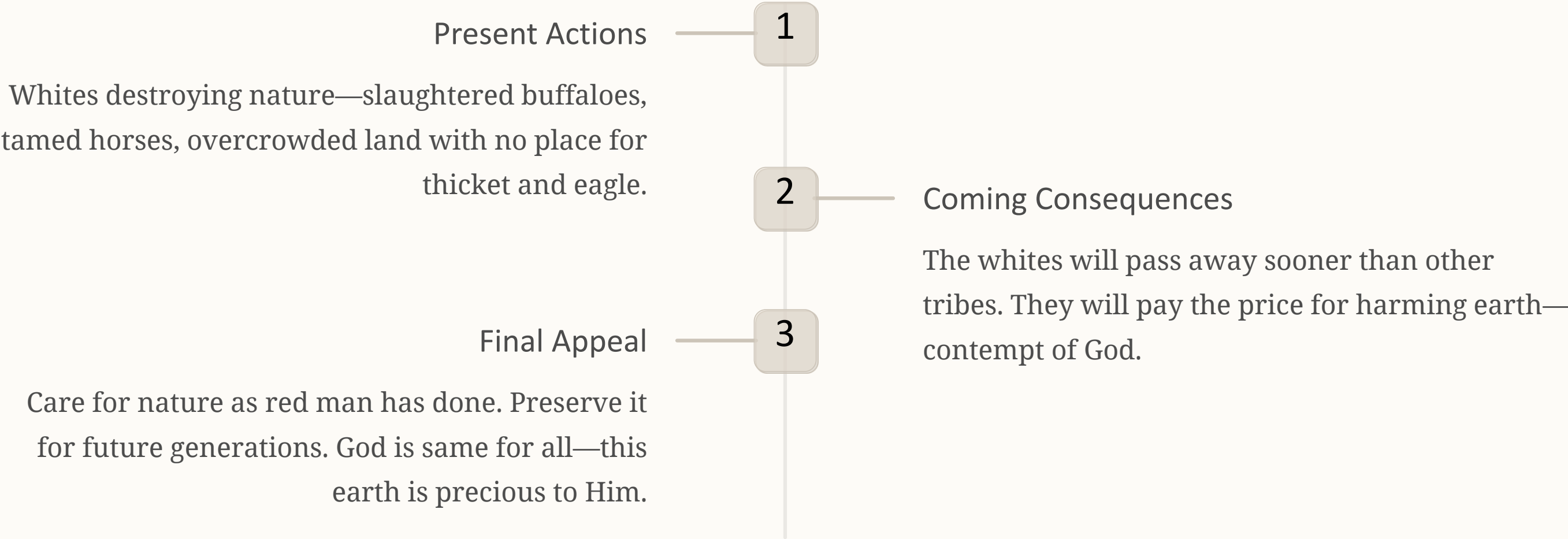
## Fate of the Tribes

Defeated in battles, idleness brought destruction through consumption of sweets, food, and drink. Most lost lives in battle.

These people were once as powerful and hopeful as white men. Soon none will be left to mourn.



# Warning to Future Generations



"After the last red man departs, the spirit of oneness with nature will survive in shores and forests."

KUNJ BIHARI DAS

# The Worker's God



## Work as Worship

The common man does hard and rough work in life. He focuses on work—that is worship for him, not temple rituals.



## No Need for Lamps

God created the Sun, Stars, and entire Universe. We don't need to light lamps for One who owns everything.



## Faith Within

God is not hungry for praises, flattery, and rituals. God lives in the heart full of compassion.



# Daily Struggles of the Common Man

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## Daily Labor

Hews wood, digs earth, trims hedges, weeds fields. Exhausted from hard work every day.

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## Family Duties

Works hard to put food in children's hungry stomach. Poor people can only think of food and shelter.

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## No Time for Rituals

Cannot afford temple visits or hymns. By day's end, so exhausted he falls asleep immediately.

04

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## Divine Inspiration

Takes inspiration from Vishwakarma, the industrious divine architect. God wants honest, diligent work—not passive rituals.



# The Felling of the Banyan Tree



## A Sacred Tree Falls

Father ordered demolition of houses and trees, including enormous banyan tree considered holy by grandmother.

- Tree thrice the size of house
- Trunk circumference: fifty feet
- Aerial roots: thirty feet long
- Age: two hundred years

Fifty men constantly chopped its trunk. Insects and birds fled as branches were shredded.



# Uprootedness and Environmental Destruction



## Masculine vs. Feminine

Father's decision to cut versus grandmother's sacred reverence for nature. Tradition says harming trees is crime.



## Terror & Fascination

People witnessed slaughter with fear and fascination. Tree's helplessness against dozens of men—a battle foretelling environmental struggles.



## Moving to Mumbai

Family moved from Baroda to Mumbai where few trees existed. Dreams of trees turning into concrete buildings—metaphor for life's upheaval.

The tree symbolizes family roots torn out, massive ecosystem destruction for profit under the guise of progress. The speaker's moving and tree's felling are inextricably linked.



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# On the Conduct of Life

William Hazlitt's Timeless Wisdom

A father's heartfelt letter to his homesick son, offering essential lessons about life, character, and navigating the challenges of growing up.



HAZLITT'S WISDOM

# Finding Understanding in Others

## Reject Bitterness

Don't label schoolmates as "foolish" or "disagreeable." Seek understanding and acceptance of those who differ from you.

## Avoid Preconceptions

Don't form judgments based on ignorance. Reserve severe judgment until actual wrongdoing occurs.

## Learn from Faults

When faced with unkindness, reflect rather than seek revenge. Learn from others' mistakes instead of imitating them.

"Genuine greatness stems from understanding one's position among others, not from aspiring to be superior to them."

N. R. NARAYAN MURTHY

# What We Must Learn from the West

## Public Good

Western societies prioritize community welfare and cleanliness. India can adopt this active approach to public issues.

## Acknowledging Achievement

Respect and learn from others' accomplishments. An open mind encourages creativity and national progress.

## Accountability

Western cultures hold leaders accountable regardless of status. This improves governance and organizational performance.

# Building a Better Society

01

## Dignity of Labour

Respect all forms of honest work, from executives to support staff.

02

## Professionalism

Separate personal relationships from business. Embrace punctuality and efficiency.

03

## Intellectual Independence

Encourage critical thinking and self-reliance from an early age.

04

## Honoring Contracts

Respect all commitments—professional, public, and personal—to build trust.



# GRAMMER

## Understanding Time: In, On, At

Prepositions are essential for conveying precise meaning in English. Let's explore how 'in', 'on', and 'at' are used when referring to time.

### IN

Used for longer periods like months, years, seasons, or parts of the day.

- **In** July
- **In** 2024
- **In** the summer
- **In** the morning

### ON

Used for specific days or dates.

- **On** Monday
- **On** December 25th
- **On** my birthday

### AT

Used for precise times, holidays (without "day"), or the night.

- **At** 3 PM
- **At** midnight
- **At** Christmas
- **At** night



Beyond 'in', 'on', and 'at', these prepositions help us define deadlines, durations, and temporal ranges with greater precision.

### By

Indicates a deadline or the latest point in time an action must be completed.

- Please submit the report **by** Friday.
- The package should arrive **by** noon.
- We need to finish this task **by** the end of the day.

### Within

Specifies that an action will occur sometime inside a given period, not exceeding that duration.

- The delivery will arrive **within** 3-5 business days.
- We expect results **within** the next hour.
- You must respond **within** 24 hours to secure your spot.

### From

Denotes the starting point of a period or event. Often used with 'to' or 'until' to define a range.

- The store is open **from** 9 AM to 5 PM.
- He worked **from** home until the pandemic ended.
- The event runs **from** Monday to Wednesday.

# Navigating Space: Prepositions of Place

Prepositions of place are crucial for describing exact locations and spatial relationships. Let's explore how they help us define where things are.



At

Used for a specific point or location: **at** the corner, **at** the door.



In

Used for an enclosed space: **in** the room, **in** the garden.



Above

Refers to a higher position than something else: **above** the clouds, **above** the shelf.



On

Used for a surface: **on** the table, **on** the wall.



From

Indicates origin or starting point: **from** the office, **from** the top.



Below

Refers to a lower position than something else: **below** the surface, **below** the table.

# Navigating Space: More Prepositions of Place

Expanding our understanding, these prepositions help to define location, proximity, and movement with greater specificity.



## Under

Denotes a position directly below something, or covered by it.

- The book fell **under** the desk.
- We walked **under** the bridge.



## Behind

Indicates a position at the back of something or someone.

- The sun disappeared **behind** the clouds.
- He stood **behind** the curtain.



## Beside

Means next to or at the side of something.

- She sat **beside** her friend.
- There's a lamp **beside** the bed.



## Near

Refers to a short distance from a person or thing.

- The cafe is **near** the library.
- Don't stand too **near** the edge.



## Into

Expresses movement towards the inside of something.

- He poured water **into** the glass.
- The dog jumped **into** the pool.



## Within

Indicates inside the limits or boundaries of a place or area.

- The secret is hidden **within** the ancient walls.
- Stay **within** the designated area.



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# Literary Journeys: Four Stories of Life and Meaning

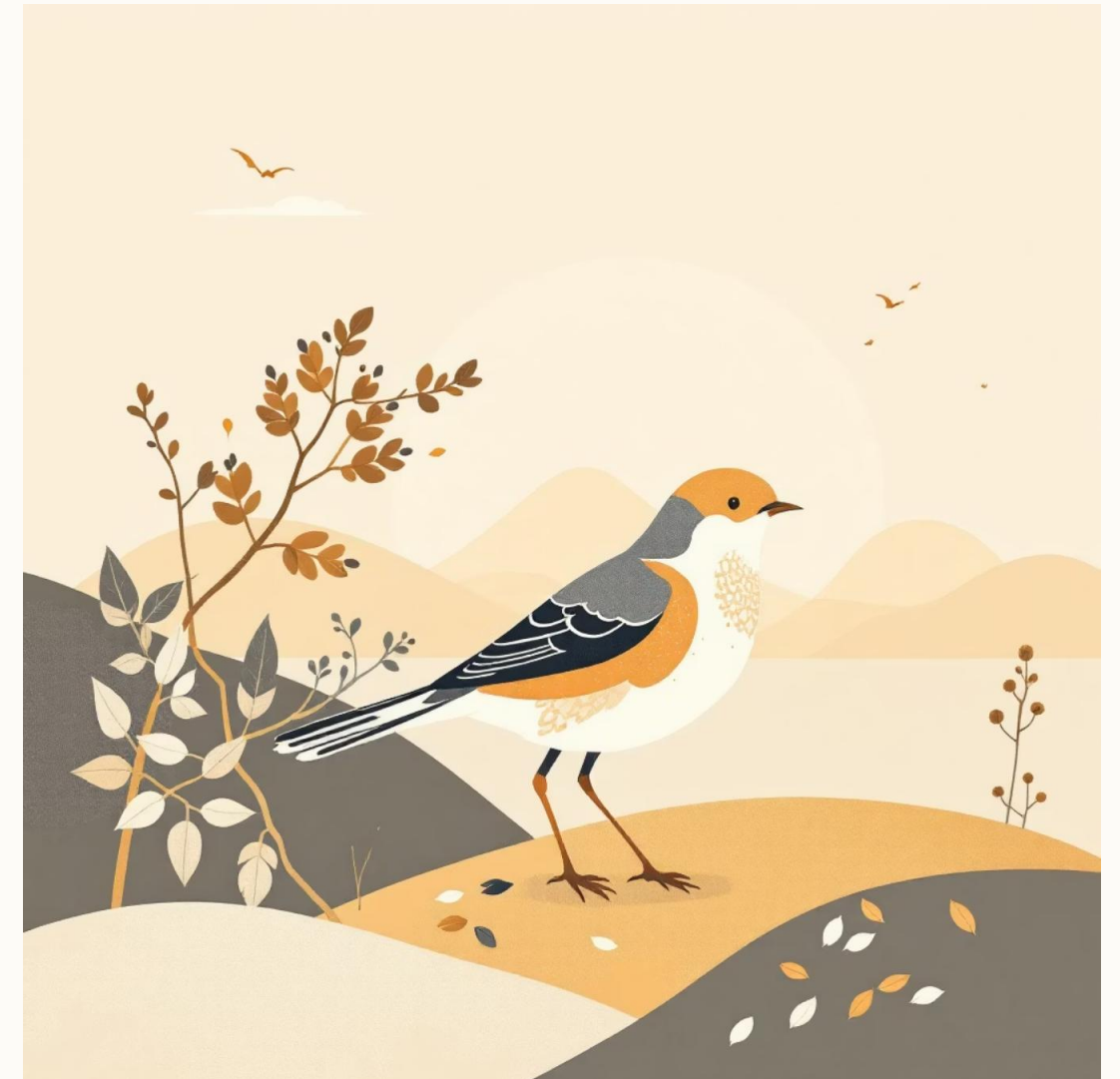
Exploring timeless themes of heritage, redemption, compassion, and joy through four distinct literary works that illuminate the human experience.



# And The Dream Bird by Sudhanya Tripura

Sudhanya Tripura's symbolic poem emphasizes cultural memory and the transmission of traditions across generations. Rooted in Borok culture, it combines nature imagery with folklore and ancestral wisdom.

The dream bird descends carrying budding crops, paddy straw, medicinal plants, and roots—essentials representing survival, healing, and a life connected to the land. Its wings hold "the flavour of another sky" and "the story of another horizon," suggesting heritage is dynamic, creating new meanings while retaining its essence.



## The Village Elder

Stories told long ago serve as repositories of wisdom, woven into the poet's verses to preserve cultural memory.

## The Blue Feather

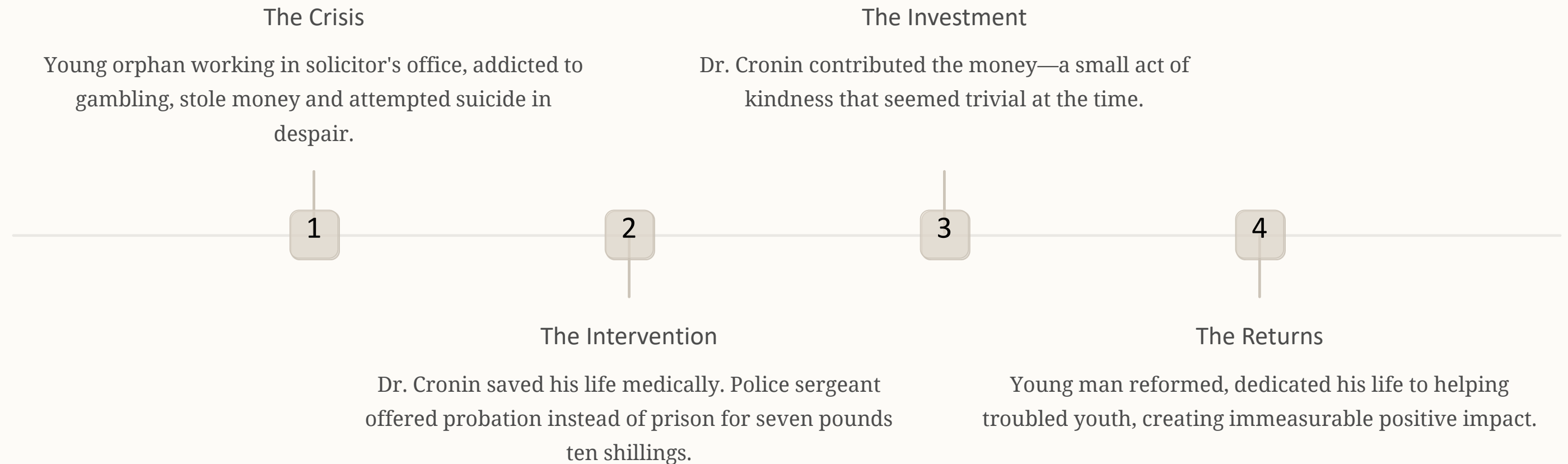
Handed to the poet's child, symbolizing the transfer of heritage, values, and identity to future generations.

## Cultural Continuity

Dreams, wisdom, and ancestral spirit carried forward, ensuring traditions adapt while maintaining their core essence.

# The Best Investment I Have Ever Made

Dr. A.J. Cronin's narrative unfolds aboard a ship from New York to England, where he encounters a modest English couple. The husband, Mr. John, works for a welfare organization helping troubled boys—a detail that triggers Cronin's memory of their first meeting years earlier.



"The seven pounds and ten shillings was not just money—it was an investment in a human life. A ruined life saved, a good citizen created, and countless other young lives influenced."

# The Toys



A father scolds his young son harshly for a small fault and sends him to bed. The child obeys quietly but goes to sleep in tears. Later that night, the father finds his son asleep, tear-stained face surrounded by simple toys and treasures.

This tender sight softens the father's heart with immediate regret. He reflects on a profound truth: just as the boy clings to his playthings, adults cling to their own "toys"—worldly desires and attachments that seem trivial from a higher perspective.





✧ JOY & CELEBRATION

# Laugh and Be Merry by John Masefield

John Masefield's poem is a powerful reminder to live life with joy, courage, and optimism. The poet tells us that life is short and full of challenges, but instead of succumbing to sadness or fear, we should face it with laughter and cheerfulness.



## Divine Creation

God created heaven and earth out of happiness, filling the world with beauty, color, and music.



## Human Purpose

Laugh, work hard, fight wrongs, and enjoy all that life offers with gratitude and unity.



## Life's Brevity

Life is like a beautiful inn where we're temporary guests—enjoy the festival before it ends.

# Core Themes Across the Works

## Heritage & Memory

Cultural traditions passed through generations, preserving wisdom while adapting to new contexts.



## Joy & Gratitude

Embracing life's temporary nature with laughter, making the world better through our happiness.



## Redemption & Hope

Small acts of kindness creating profound transformations, proving every life has value and potential.



## Compassion & Mercy

Understanding human frailty with forgiveness, recognizing we all need grace and second chances.



# Timeless Lessons for Living

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## Honor Your Roots

Preserve and pass on cultural heritage while allowing it to evolve meaningfully.

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## Invest in Others

Small acts of kindness can transform lives and create ripples of positive change.

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## Practice Forgiveness

Extend mercy to others as we hope to receive it, recognizing our shared humanity.

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## Choose Joy

Live fully and cheerfully, spreading happiness even in the face of life's challenges.

