Thoughts Suggested by the Sea

The sea is a wellspring of inspiration to poets and painters. It is ever-changing and beautiful—_at dawn or at sunset, in the peaceful night or in the rough storm._ Even a shell may stir the admiration of the artist.

The sea is a symbol of mystery. It is so vast that we cannot fathom its secrets. It is the kingdom of fish and land is made up of land and is surrounded by the sea. We praise or curse the sea, but it remains silent all the same.

The sea is a hero. It is so patient when it is calm; it is so strong when it is ruffled; it is so cruel when it is troubled. A tidal wave is like the people who rise up against the dictator; it breaks embankments, it overthrows ships, it destroys buildings.

The sea is a disturbed mind. When we look at the sea, it is so smooth; beneath it, it is so turbulent. The wind is like the atmosphere, present inapparent but actually not.

The sea is an emblem of strength. The form of the sand castles due to the waves attacking the rocks. The small or monstrous wave strikes the rocks by day and night so that they break up into pinnacles and finally into sand. If we do our work as the waves do, we will stop at the sea of success. Where there is a will, there is a way.

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A Riddle

Mary's mother has half a son called doughnut; the first is called doughnut, the second is called coconut, the third is called groundnut, the fourth is called peanut, and the fifth is called walnut. What is her sixth daughter called?

Answer: Mary

Joyce Fang

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The Continent of Ice

The Antarctic (south) Continent is a land mass about the size of the United States and Australia combined—fifth largest of the continents. The land is essentially covered by ice. The continent contains the world's largest glaciers, the largest ice caps, and the largest ice sheets. The climate is polar, with temperatures ranging from 0°C at the coast to -80°C in the interior. The continent has no permanent inhabitants, but it is home to many species of birds, mammals, and microorganisms.

Antarctica is the highest continent in the world, with an average elevation of 2,800 meters. It is a continent in the sky, with its highest point being Mount Vinson at 5,140 meters above sea level.

The coastline is one of the most rugged in the world, with glaciers and ice floes that can reach speeds of up to 50 meters per second.

The continent is divided into three main regions: the East Antarctic Plateau, the West Antarctic Ice Sheet, and the Marie Byrd Land. The Weddell Sea is the largest body of water in the Antarctic Ocean.

The continent is the coldest and windiest place on Earth, with strong winds often reaching speeds of up to 300 kilometers per hour.

The continent is the oldest continent on Earth, formed around 800 million years ago.

The continent is home to some of the most unique plants and animals on Earth, such as penguins, seals, and the Antarctic fur seal.

The continent is also home to a number of scientific stations, including McMurdo Station, which is the largest and most advanced research facility in the Antarctic region.

DO YOU KNOW?

1. Which is the largest church in the world?
2. Which is the largest island in the world?
3. Which is the largest renewable forest in the world?
4. Which is the largest bridge in the world?
5. Which is the longest canal in the world?
6. Which is the greatest meat producing country in the world?
7. Which is the centre of silk industry in the world?
8. Which is the greatest seascape in the world?

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Which was Papa's?

A picture was a lovely girl. Though only seven years old, she had already tasted the bitterness of heroism. Two years ago her mother died, and she had only been able to love and play and talk with.

...so little Johnny's papa might be lonely, he changed himself into a beautiful butterfly fluttering round her all day long. Papa concluded the story with a dancing knee on Ling-ling's curls.

"On a butterfly might die one day and what will become of Johnny then?" thought Ling-ling. "And when papa should leave me behind for ever, what would I do? If I could live, I would become a star for a star never dies and I will never be afraid of the cold."

After the accident Ling-ling could never set eyes on her beloved papa again. All the rains and the storms which brought her could never bring another happy smile upon her lips. The tears in her eyes blazed with unforgettable grief.

In the darkness of the yard, she would come to the table to examine one by one the millions of twinkling stars, but which one was papa? She wondered as she slowly put her thumb between her lips and stared and stared...