

Subhashita 1. Desi Daffodils.

School brings back wonderful memories. One particular poem, "Daffodils" by William Wordsworth has haunted me ever since i first heard it.

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

And so do subhashitas , like those daffodils, they flash within and give not only pleasure but a wealth of advice. They are deep thoughts, full of wisdom, expressed in superb poetic style. A subhashita literally means "a good saying."

Easy to memorize,
a treasure trove of advice,
applicable here
to our modern lives.

We have a subhashita that glorifies itself. And quite rightly too.

भाषासु मुख्या मधुरा दिव्या गीर्वाणभारती ।
ततोऽपि काव्यं मधुरं तस्मादपि सुभाषितम् ॥

भाषासु..Amongst languages, मुख्या ..the (most) important, मधुरा..the (most) sweet, दिव्या..the (most) divine, गीर्वाणभारती (is) Sanskrit.

ततोऽपि..(literally, from it also) conveying the idea, more than that काव्यं..a poem (is) मधुरं.. sweet. तस्मादपि ..(literally, from it also) conveying the idea, more than that, सुभाषितम्.. is a good saying.

Twice a month, let's dip into this treasure and discover for ourselves, the wisdom.