

## Sunset

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5:30 pm, it was Thursday afternoon. On our way back home after a tiring day, we tried to catch up with the captivating view of the sky as the sun set to the west. Barefooted, we ran through the shore and laid down to the sands.

Upon resting your head on my shoulder, you uttered something in a serious tone.

“Love, what did you see

To love me this way?”

For the very first time, you asked me.

After hearing it, I took a deep breath.

The deafening silence thundered in that particular moment,

And I could hear nothing except our heartbeats and the sound of the breeze and waves as it slapped to the shore.

I broke the silence as I answered: “You see; we don’t watch the sunset just because it’s cute. We also discern it because of the peace, comfort, and tranquility that it brings to our soul. I think it is shallow to only look at the appearance of something, but rather appreciating the beauty within is what matters the most.

So yes, my love, your beautiful smile alone is enough to melt my entire being

But,



Love is broad and it is beyond what eyes can see”.

As I uttered the last syllable,

For a thousand times, my eyes perceived your smile.

And it was yet the brightest one that I’ve ever seen.