

Morning is when I am awake and there is a dawn in me
We must learn to reawaken and keep ourselves awake, not by mechanical aids,
But by an infinite expectation of the dawn, which does not forsake us in our
Soundest sleep. I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of
Man to elevate his life by conscious endeavor. It is something to be able to paint
A particular picture or to carve a statue, and so to make a few objects beautiful.
But it is far more glorious to carve and paint the very atmosphere and medium
Through which we look . . . To affect the quality of the day, that is the highest of arts.

Henry David Thoreau