"Her simplicity decorated us, her guilt sanctified us, her pain made us glow with health, her awkwardness made us think we had a sense of humor.

-Toni Morrison, *The Bluest Eye*, p. 205

"Our eyes are shining, our skin is rosy, our all-knowing smiles are back."

-Libba Bray, *A Great and Terrible Beauty*, p. 334

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

-John F. Kennedy, Inaugural address