

# Hope

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*"I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains"*

*-Anne Frank*

During a depressing time in history a young woman named Anne Frank spoke these famous words. At the time of the Holocaust, Anne and the rest of her family were forced to go into hiding. The story of Anne Frank is so extraordinary because not only did she make happiness out of what she had, but she carried so much bravery when she had to face all the darkness and distress that encircled her. This quote speaks for the kind of person she was and displays the inspiration she portrayed. Today, people remember her because of the book she wrote, called the Diary of Anne Frank.

If someone were to really contemplate what the quote means, then they will realize that there are two parts. The first part of the quote says, "I don't think of all the misery" and the last part of the quote says, "but of the beauty that still remains". The meaning of this quote is to have hope and to never give up. Although this quote is related to the time Anne Frank lived in, it can be looked at and reflected to what's going on in the present day. When people think about what is happening around the world right now, they think of Covid, and how it has impacted people's livelihoods in miserable ways. Recently, hope sparked around the world. People started getting vaccinated, cases started going down, sports teams were able to play again, and students and teachers could see each other for the first time in months.

With everything going on in the world right now, many people don't see the beauty that still remains because of how long the pandemic has been going on. This quote is something people can be inspired by and live by. Anne Frank was one of the most influential people to ever live. Despite the challenging time she went through, she didn't let that take away her hope and her love for writing. When Anne was writing, all the darkness was pushed away and it kept her going. Although everything that's happening might be more difficult than last year, there is still so much to be happy and hopeful about, such as family and friends. This quote can be looked at by so many people who not only can relate to the emotion behind what she says, but as a reminder to stay hopeful and positive like she did.