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“A child’s world is fresh and new and beautiful, full of wonder and excitement. It is our misfortune that for most of us that clear-eyed vision, that true instinct for what is beautiful and awe-inspiring, is dimmed and even lost before we reach adulthood. If I had influence with the good fairy who is supposed to preside over the christening of all children, I should ask that her gift to each child in the world be **a sense of wonder** so indestructible that it would last throughout life, as an unfailing antidote against the boredom and disenchantment of later years—the alienation from the sources of our strength.”

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