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Algernon : I hope, Cecily, I shall not offend you if I state quite frankly and openly that you seem to me to be in every way the visible personification of absolute perfection.

Cecily : I think your frankness does you great credit, Ernest. If you will allow me, I will copy your remarks into my diary. [*Goes over to table and begins writing in diary.*]

Algernon : Do you really keep a diary? I'd give anything to look at it. May I?

Cecily : Oh no. [*Puts her hand over it.*] You see, it is simply a very young girl's record of her own thoughts and impressions, and consequently meant for publication. When it appears in volume form I hope you will order a copy. But pray, Ernest, don't stop. I delight in taking down from dictation. I have reached 'absolute perfection'. You can go on. I am quite ready for more.

Oscar Wilde

الألفاظ والعبارات :

The visible personification of absolute perfection

تشخيص مرئي للكمال المطلق

Diary

مفكرة، دفتر لتدوين اليوميات

I'd give anything to look at it

سوف أضحي بكل شيء في

سبيل الاطلاع عليه

A record of her thoughts and impressions

تسجيل لخواطرها وانطباعاتها