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mansuetude

Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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(noun) MAN-soo-ay-tyood or MAN-soo-ay-tood

Mildness, meekness, tameness, calm, serenity.

There is purpose yet in what one French paper delightfully called Nick Brown's "**mansuetude**" in their direction; others have been less complimentary about his bovine calmness.

Unattributed, *The Guardian*, 12 November 1999. Guardian

Not far from the **mansuetude** of St. Andrew's lies the bureaucratic bastion of City Hall, a building completed in 1889 that Hernandez describes as "Danube Gothic" in timber, largely due to its stylized tower, with wrought-iron crenellations at the very apex.

Tunku Varadarajan, *The New York Times*, 6 February 2000. New York Times

While Barbara was swimming to meet the dawn, Miltoun was bathing in those waters of **mansuetude** and truth which roll from wall to wall in the British House of Commons.

John Galsworthy, *The Patrician*.

Shedding a few tears in sign of rejoicing at her daughter's **mansuetude** in this terrible affair, Mrs Verloc's mother gave play to her astuteness in the direction of her furniture, because it was her own; and sometimes she wished it hadn't been.

Joseph Conrad, *The Secret Agent: A Simple Tale*.

I love to bring these aborigines back to the **mansuetude** they showed to the early voyagers, and before (forgive the involuntary pun) they had grown accustomed to man and knew his savage ways.

James Russell Lowell, *My Garden Acquaintance*.