

## SUNSHINE & RAIN THE FIELD GUIDE

Two skies. One human being.

A Sahilverse reflection on mixed emotions,  
emotional complexity, and everyday self-understanding.

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It is not medical advice, diagnosis, or therapy.

## 01 / THE FALSE CHOICE

People sometimes speak about emotion in binaries: happy or sad, hopeful or afraid, calm or angry.

Experience can be more complicated.

A person might be grateful for an opportunity and sad about what it requires them to leave behind.

They might feel relief after making a difficult decision while also experiencing regret.

Neither feeling necessarily cancels the other.

### REFLECTION

Write down two feelings that appeared together during a recent ordinary day.

What mattered to you in that situation?

## 02 / MIXED EMOTIONS

Mixed emotions refer to experiences involving positive and negative feelings together.

Researchers have studied whether happiness and sadness can coexist rather than merely alternate.

The evidence supports taking emotional complexity seriously, although definitions, measurement, timing, and context matter.

### TRY THIS

Describe an event in three ways:

1. What happened?
2. What felt encouraging or meaningful?
3. What felt difficult, disappointing, or uncertain?

Avoid forcing the answers into a single verdict.

### 03 / WEATHER IS A METAPHOR

Sunshine and rain are images, not diagnostic categories or scientific measures.

The interactive dial on the website does not measure your mental health, personality, or emotional stability.

It simply invites reflection.

Consider:

What is changing?

What is staying the same?

What do I need?

What can wait?

A difficult day does not have to become a permanent description of who you are.

## 04 / FLEXIBILITY

Psychological flexibility concerns how people respond to changing circumstances and internal experiences.

It does not mean suppressing emotion.

It does not require accepting harmful treatment.

A flexible response might involve resting, asking for support, setting a boundary, reconsidering an assumption, or taking a small practical action.

## REFLECTION

Name one response available to you today that does not require pretending you feel differently from how you actually feel.

## 05 / THE PRIVATE FORECAST

Complete these sentences:

Today, the sunshine is...

Today, the rain is...

Something I can appreciate without denying  
what is difficult is...

Something I can acknowledge without allowing  
it to define everything is...

One small action that fits my values is...

Remember: reflection is optional.

You do not owe anyone a polished emotional report.

## 06 / READING & LIMITS

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