

Hope vs. Optimism

Optimism says
things will get better;
hope stays even if
they get worse.

Optimism claims that
the future is bright;
hope keeps
the future open.

Optimism sees through
rose-colored glasses;
hope looks through
a periscope.

Optimism presumes
the door is always open;
hope is busy
finding another exit.

Optimism is a
warm feeling;
hope is a
cool belief.

Optimism is a mood
or trait;
hope is a
virtue.

Optimism can border on
fantasy;
hope respects
fact.

Optimism promises
security;
hope coexists with
uncertainty.

Optimism likes to imagine
the impossible;
hope stays close
to reality.

If, therefore, you are skipping along
the surface of life,
opt for optimism.

When, however, you are swimming
through the depths,
fill your heart with hope.

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