

bonny

(mainly Scottish, or Northern England)

Pretty, lovely or handsome. Also merry or fine, as in a bonny family.

“The mild mannered breeze kept its gentleman ease, with aromas bounced along so bonny!”

chivy

(British English)

To urge someone along, asking again and again.

“Mother moon, centre of the night, light heart bold and bright, chivy-awaken your kindred stars.”

cosiest

(British English)

Warmest and most comfortable. Spelt “coziest” in the US.

“A buttermilk eye ‘twas patient aloft in bonhomie with cosiest clouds, steel-magnolia clouds that came as comforters in her long vigil.”

cotton-wool

(British English)

Soft, fluffy cotton, used for cleaning skin or as padding.

“In those days of ebbing winter, as the spring gained strength in thawing earth, the lamp hugged all with cotton-wool light.”

dales

(regional)

Valleys, especially in the north of England.

*“Dewy dales and dips drink its golden gift
in slow sips, savouring a new, steady
ease.”*

easy-peasy

(British informal)

Very easy; presenting no difficulty at all. A friendly British saying, often said by children.

“Three months passed as a mosaic of fall-spring, what a 'fing,' to happen. For it had no ice fangs, no thunderous bangs, just a casual saunter-cruise so easy-peasy.”

helter-skelter

(British English)

In hurried, haphazard disorder. Also a high spiral slide at a fairground.

“Twigs rustled indignantly even as they granted birds shelter, even as they rerouted rude winds down their helter-skelter.”

plaited

(British English)

Twisted together in an over-and-under pattern, as hair or rope is. Called braided in the US.

“As a Celtic crown of ancient lore, plaited strands, swirls and more, all was coated most generously.”

strop

(British English)

A fit of bad temper; a tantrum.

“The memory of the storm’s strop was their soul sugar, their pride, their bravado fuel.”