

benevolent

(formal)

Say it: /br'nevələnt/

Kind and loving; wanting to do good for others.

*“Coolness becomes a clarity,
self-reflection becomes self-charity,
opening future roads to better days
and more benevolent ways.”*

cathedral

(everyday)

Say it: /kə'ti:drəl/

A large, grand and important church.
Used as here, it means a place or feeling that is holy and deeply important to the soul.

“Thanksgiving is my soul cathedral.”

cauldron

(everyday)

Say it: /'kɔːldrən/

A large metal pot, shaped like a bowl, for boiling things over an open fire. In stories, witches and wizards brew their spells in one.

“Apprentice, my dreams are an antique cauldron, a mystical vessel of the old faith.”

celebrate

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈsɛlibreɪt/

To do something joyful to mark a special day or a happy event.

“You see, my loves, you are my gold; you are my pride and joy; you are the ones my heart beats for. So come and celebrate on my special day and I will be there on yours.”

coastal

(everyday)

Say it: /'kəʊstəl/

By the sea, or near the coast.

“Each stone carried the heart of the sea, the breath of soothing brine, the sea shanties of coastal birds.”

festive

(everyday)

Say it: /'festɪv/

Bright, joyful and full of the feeling of a festival or a celebration.

“Birthday emotions unwrap the past as they look toward future gifts, sensing the present as a Rubicon. For if the festive seasons are as a train ride, the birthday is a motorbike.”

fireflies

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈfaɪəflaɪz/

Small beetles that light up and glow in the dark, especially on summer evenings.

“Wishes upon New Year's Eve are as the glowing fireflies, wings and hearts a-beating.”

firework

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈfaɪəwɜ:k/

A device that burns with bright flames, sparks and bangs to entertain people, often sent high into the sky on celebration nights.

*“New Year's Eve comes as a firework:
bright, joyful and passing.”*

gratitude

(everyday)

Say it: /'grætitju:d/

The feeling of being thankful; wanting to thank someone for the good they have done or given.

*“Thanksgiving of my heartfelt days,
when love flames as the hearth of
Camelot. Whence I feel gratitude as
sweetened air, and my finer feelings
are the warmth of care - gratitude
flares.”*

journey

(everyday)

Say it: /'dʒɜːni/

An act of travelling from one place to another; a trip. It can also mean any long process, such as growing up or learning something.

“Deep down in the Earth magma sent up warmth, just enough to keep its road-grip strong. And, so it was that the little car made a journey that reason and science declared it could not.”

kindred

(formal)

Say it: /ˈkɪndrɪd/

People who feel like family, or things of the same nature. A kindred spirit is someone who feels the way you do.

“It is a fellow traveller, wild and free, never a servant. It is kindness, yet only to its kindred.”

magick

(Angela's chosen archaic spelling)

Say it: /'mædʒɪk/

Magic that is real, as in old stories and beliefs, rather than the pretend magic of card tricks. Angela writes 'magic' for card tricks and 'magick' for real magic; 'magick' is an old spelling she uses on purpose.

“My kitten, Merlin, was born of the ancient magick, the deep lore - fashioned from a simple swirling spark.”

merriment

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈmerimənt/

Happy fun and laughter; a state of enjoyable cheer.

“The birdsong fluttered as the liveliest of flutes, heady with youth’s merriment.”

motorcade

(formal)

Say it: /ˈməʊtəkeɪd/

A procession of cars or other vehicles travelling together.

*“Upon the age worn lane, the
serpentine bleached out lane, the
motorcade did wend.”*

phoenix

(everyday)

Say it: /'fi:niks/

A mythical bird said to live for centuries, then burn to ashes and be born again from them. A phoenix can mean anything that rises again after being destroyed.

“Everybody knows the story of the phoenix, born of fire only to return to ashes and be reborn.”

resolutions

(everyday)

Say it: /ˌrɛzəˈluːʃənz/

Firm promises to yourself to do something, often made at New Year. A resolution is a firm decision.

“This is what resolutions are for, to quietly ask the soul to do more, to find the most loving open door.”

resonate

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈrezəneɪt/

To ring with sound; used as here, it means to feel deeply in tune with something, so it feels true to you.

“It is the day we resonate with our good fortune and make plans for the year ahead to give to others.”

shanty

(everyday)

Say it: /ʃænti/

A sea shanty is a rhythmic song that sailors sang while they worked on the ships. A shanty can also mean a roughly built hut.

“Their never changing sea shanty did ring out.”

sorcery

(everyday)

Say it: /'sɔ:səri/

Magic, especially the kind worked by a sorcerer. In Angela's sentence it is a good, heaven-sent magic.

“Yes, sorcery from divine source is the restorer of all the good treasure, restorer of the spirit for which saints endeavour.”

triumph

(everyday)

Say it: /'traɪʌmf/

A great win or victory; the joy of succeeding.

“Turn Merlin did, spinning on the spot, in happiest and gayest shock. For though he was the greatest mage of ancient days, victory, triumph, was ever a long shot, a dream that can only be born of champion's chest.”