

armchairs

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈɑːmtʃɛəz/

Comfortable chairs with sides to rest your arms on.

“Ample armchairs were spun of sea foam thread, sparkling defiantly to any chancing dread!”

birdsong

(everyday)

Say it: /'bɜːdsɒŋ/

The singing calls of birds; the musical sounds that birds make.

“Birdsong arrived as kite-strings.”

cherished

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈtʃɛrɪʃt/

Loved, cared for and held very dear.

*“In this home of cherished walls,
walls that hug in their all-squared
way, we flow in the pulse of daily
living.”*

coddle

(everyday)

Say it: /'kɒdəl/

To treat someone or something gently
and with great care.

*“The chattering brook did coddle the
wild roses with tales of merriment.”*

confidants

(formal)

Say it: /ˈkɒnfɪdənts/

People you trust with your secrets and private thoughts.

“Holly trees and robins remained all year long as garrulous companions and gentle confidants.”

daffodils

(everyday)

Say it: /"dæfədɪlz/

Spring flowers with yellow or white trumpet-shaped blooms.

“A smile of daffodils curved around the old house as it basked in spring light.”

dwelling

(formal)

Say it: /'dwɛlɪŋ/

A place where someone lives; a home.

“So one day, backpack snug to my shoulders, I made the climb with fullest-heart. Then there it was, a humble concrete dwelling, white painted, cherry window sills and blackest asphalt door.”

empathy

(everyday)

Say it: /'empəθi/

The ability to understand and share how someone else feels.

*“Angels emotionally flood you see,
because they take the pain of
empathy, they hold that rope made of
shards as their duty to love, to kith
and kin.”*

fortitude

(formal)

Say it: /ˈfɔːtɪtjuːd/

Strength of mind that lets you keep going bravely through trouble.

*“Ne'er once 'twas it in deficient
hearty radiance. If love is a rose, the
iron rose is protective love, defence
and noble fortitude.”*

humility

(everyday)

Say it: /hju:'mɪlɪti/

Being humble; not thinking you are better than other people.

“To stand with tears a-flow is a courage the scarless cannot measure, a stoic steadfast humility.”

jollity

(formal)

Say it: /'dʒɒlɪti/

Cheerfulness and merry fun.

*“Air was aromatic laughter. Light
was warmest jollity.”*

lullaby

(everyday)

Say it: /'lʌləbaɪ/

A soft, gentle song sung to help a child fall asleep.

“The light was a lullaby.”

marrow

(everyday)

Say it: /'mæraʊ/

The soft substance inside bones. Used as here, right to your marrow means right into your deepest self.

“Let the breeze speak of birthday cake icing and the dogs bounce in helicopter-wag. For when you come, my baby love, when we are together, there is happiness right to my marrow.”

melancholy

(formal)

Say it: /'melənkəli/

A deep, quiet sadness, often thoughtful,
as when the mind broods.

*“Melancholy is Winter’s cloak, woven
of cold-spun cloud.”*

mirth

(everyday)

Say it: /mɜːθ/

Merriment and laughter; the feeling that makes you laugh.

*“A dawn of mirth and merriment
announces that happiness hath
come.”*

nostalgia

(everyday)

Say it: /nɒ'stældʒə/

A warm, bittersweet longing for happy times in the past.

“Sebastian had had the floor polished, the curtains made anew and the walls painted... yet still it remained, giving treasured mind-photographs, the best kind of life-nostalgia.”

pensive

(formal)

Say it: /ˈpɛnsɪv/

Quietly thoughtful, often with a serious or dreamy mood.

“It lingered, tarried long as misty-fog, as if the concept of making haste was quite alien to its mode of thought. For both sights and aromas it was a blank canvas I suppose, one that invited the imagination to bring its easel and stand, to awaken creativity from its pensive slumbers.”

quilt

(everyday)

Say it: /kwilt/

A warm bed covering made of two layers of cloth stitched together with soft padding between them.

“Let my love be your quilt, each square a sweet pocket of memory.”

sanctuary

(everyday)

Say it: /'sæŋktjuəri/

A safe place that gives shelter and protection; a refuge.

“This book was her shangri-la, her doorway into a world made of laughter. In those times of trouble, that book had become her sanctuary and friend.”

wonder

(everyday)

Say it: /'wʌndə/

A feeling of amazement and delight at something beautiful or new.

“There was something so transporting in the expanse of that idle post-noon: a dream, a wish most pleasant, a sauntering sense of wonder.”