

**Acacia***Platonic Love***Alyssum***Worth beyond Beauty***Amaranth** (Amaranthus)*Immortality***Anemone** (Wind flower)*Frailty***Apple Blossom** (Pyrus)*Fame speaks you great and good***Ash** (Fraxinus)*Grandeur**Aster (Star flower)**Beauty in retirement***Bachelor's Button***(Gomphrena)**Hope in Misery***Balm** (Melissa nepeta)*Sweets of Social Intercourse***Balm of Gilead** (Pupulus*balsamifera)**I am cured***Balsam** (Impatiens)*Impatience***Barberry** (Berberis)*Petulance***Bay Leaf** (Laurus)*I change but in dying***Bindweed** (Convolvulus)*Humility***Birch** (Betula)*Gracefulness***Blue Bell** (Campanula)*Constancy***Box** (Buxus)*Stoicism*

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**Broome** (Genista)*Neatness***Burdock** (Arctium)*Importunity***Calla** (Arum)*Feminine Modesty***Candytuft** (Iberis)*Indifference***Cardinal Flower***(Lobelia)**Distinction***Carnation** (Dianthus)*Pride***Catchfly** (Silene)*A snare***Cedar Tree** (Juniperus)*Spiritual Strength***Chamomile** (Anthemis)*Energy in Adversity***Cherry Blossom** (Prunus)*Spiritual Beauty***China Aster***Your sentiments meet with a**return***Chrysanthemum***A heart left to desolation***Columbine** (Aquilegia)*I cannot give thee up***Coreopsis***Always cheerful***Coriander** (Coriandrum)*Concealed Merit***Corn** (Zea mays)*Riches***Cowslip** (Dodecatheon)*Native Grace***Cypress** (Cypressus)*Disappointed Hopes***Dandelion** (Leontodon)*Coquetry***Dew-plant***(Mesembryanthemum)**A Serenade***Evergreen** (Wintergreen,*Chirraphila, Pyrola,**Gaultheria)**Poverty and Worth***Everlasting** (Gnaphium)*Always remembered***Fir** (Pinus)*Time***Flowering Reed** (Canna*augustifolia)**Confidence in Heaven***Forget-Me-Not** (Viola*cucula)**True Love***Foxglove** (Digitalis)*I am not ambitious for myself, but for you***Fuchsia** (Ladies' Ear-drop)*Humble Love***Gentian** (Gentiana)*Virgin Pride***Geranium, Lemon***(Pelagorium acerifolium)**Tranquility of Mind***Geranium, Oak***(Pelagorium quercifolium)**True Friendship***Geranium, Rose***(Pelagorium capitatum)**Preference***Geranium, Scarlet***(Pelagorium inquinans)**Thou art changed***Geranium, Silver-***leaved* (Pelagorium*argentifolium)**Recall***Gilly Flower***(Cheiranthus)**Lasting Beauty***Golden Rod** (Solidago)*Encouragement***Grape** (Vitis)*Charity***Grass** (Gramina)*Submission***Hawthorn** (Crataegus)*Hope***Hazel** (Corylus)*Reconciliation***Heliotrope***(Heliotropium)**Devotion***Hibiscus***Beauty is vain***Hollyhock** (Alcea)*Ambition***Honeysuckle** (Lonicera)*Fidelity***Hop** (Humulus)*Injustice***Houstonia** (Houstonia*cerulea, Venus' Pride)**Quiet Happiness***Hydrangea***Heartlessness***Ice plant***(Mesembryanthemum)**You looks freeze me***Iris***A message***Ivy** (Hedera)*I have found one true heart***Jasmine** (Jasmimum)*Amiability***Jonquil** (Narcissus)*Affection returned***King Cup** (Ranunculus)*I wish I was rich***Laburnum** (Cytisus)*Pensive Beauty***Lady's Slipper***(Cypripedium)**Capricious Beauty***Larkspur** (Delphinium)*Inconstancy***Lavender** (Lavendula)*Acknowledgement***Lemon** (Citrus)*Discretion*

**Lettuce** (Lactuca)

*Cold-hearted*

**Lilac** (Syringa)

*First Emotion of Love*

**Lily, White** (Lilium candidum)

*Purity*

**Lily of the Valley**

(Convallaria)

*The heart withering in secret*

**Locust** (Robinia)

*Affection beyond the grave*

**London Pride** (Silene)

*Frivolity*

**Lupine** (Lupinus)

*Dejection, Sorrow*

**Mallows** (Lavatera)

*Sweet Disposition*

**Maple** (Acer)

*Reserve*

**Marigold** (Calendula)

*Contempt*

**Mignonette** (Reseda

odorata)

*Moral and Intellectual Beauty*

**Mimosa**

*Sensitiveness*

**Moss** (Sycopodium)

*Maternal Love*

**Myrtle** (Myrtus)

*Love in Absence*

**Nasturtion** [Nasturtium]

(Tropaeolum)

*Patriotism*

**Nightshade** (Solanum)

*Dark Thoughts*

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**Oak** (Quercus)

*Hospitality*

**Oleander** (Nerium)

*Beware!*

**Orange Flowers** (Citrus)

*Woman's Worth*

**Pansy** (Viola tricolor)

*Tender and pleasant thoughts*

**Passion Flower**

(Passiflora)

*Religious Fervor*

**Pea, Everlasting**

(Lathyrus latifolia)

*Wilt thou go?*

**Pea, Sweet** (Lathyrus

odoratus)

*Departure*

**Peach Blossom**

(Amygdalus)

*I am your captive*

**Peony** (Peonia)

*Ostentation*

**Petunia**

*Thou art less proud than they*

*deem thee*

**Phlox**

*Our souls are united*

**Pine** (Pinus)

*Time and Faith*

**Pink, Red** (Dianthus

rubeus)

*Woman's Love*

**Pink, White** (Dianthus

albus)

*Lovely and pure affection*

**Polyanthus** (Primula

auricula)

*Confidence*

**Poppy** (Papaver)

*Forgetfulness*

**Potato** (Solanum)

*Beneficence*

**Primrose, Evening**

(Oenothera odorata)

*I am more faithful than thou*

**Primrose** (Primula)

*Modest Worth*

**Rose, Bridal** (Rubus

rosafolius)

*Happy Love*

**Rose, Bud** (Rosa)

*Confession of Love*

**Rose, Burgundy** (Rosa

parvifolia)

*Simplicity and Beauty*

**Rose, Damask** (Rosa

damascena)

*Bashful Love*

**Rose, Moss** (Rosa

muscosa)

*Superior Merit*

**Rose, Multiflora** (Rosa

multiflora)

*Grace*

**Rose, Red-leaved** (Rosa

rubrifolia)

*Diffidence*

**Rose, White** (Rosa alba)

*Too young to love*

**Sage**

*Domestic Virtues*

**Snapdragon**

(Antirrhinum)

*You are dazzling, but*

*dangerous*

**Snow-ball** (Viburnum)

*Thoughts of Heaven*

**Snowdrop** (Galanthus)

*I am not a summer friend*

**Star of Bethlehem**

(Ornithogalum)

*Let us follow Jesus*

**Strawberry** (Fragaria)

*Perfect Excellence*

**Sumach** (Rhus, Sumac)

*Splendid Misery*

**Sunflower** (Helianthus)

*Smile on me still*

**Sweet William** (Dianthus

barbatus)

*Gallantry*

**Syringia-Carolina**

(Philadelphus inodorus)

*Memory*

**Thistle** (Carduus)

*Never forget*

**Tulip**

*Beautiful Eyes*

**Verbena**

*Sensibility*

**Vernal Grass**

(Anthoxanthum)

*Poor but Happy*

**Violet** (Viola)

*Faithfulness*

**Wallflower** (Cheiranthus)

*Fidelity in Misfortune*

**Water Lily** (Nymphae)

*Eloquence*

**Willow** (Salix)

*Forsaken*

**Witch Hazel** (Hamamelia

virginica)

*A Spell*

**Woodbine** (Lonicera)

*Fraternal Love*

**Yarrow** (Achillea)

*A cure for the heart ache*

**Zinnia**

*I mourn your absence*

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