

A

- A blind rage like a fire swept over him
- A cloud in the west like a ghost crept upward
- A cluster of stars hung like fruit on a tree
- A face as pale as wax
- A face tempered like steel
- A figure like a carving on a tree trunk
- A fluttering as of blind bewildered moths
- A glance that flitted like a bird
- A great moon like beacon in the sky
- A grim face like a carved mask
- A hand icily cold and clammy as death
- A little breeze ran through the corn like a swift serpent
- A little weed-clogged ship, gray as a ghost
- A mighty wind, like a gladiator
- A radiant look came over her face, like a sudden burst of sunshine on a cloudy day
- A ruby like a drop of blood
- A silver moon, like a new-stamped coin, rode triumphant in the sky
- A smile flashed over her face, like sunshine over a flower
- A sudden sense of fear ran through her nerves like the chill of an icy wind
- A voice soft and sweet as a tune that one knows
- A white bird floats there, like a drifting leaf
- Against a sky as clear as sapphire
- Agile as a leopard
- Agitated like a storm-tossed ship
- All that's beautiful drifts away like the waters
- All the world lay stretched before him like the open palm of his hand
- An anxiety hung like a dark impenetrable cloud
- An icy wind crept by like an unwelcome thought
- An isle of Paradise, fair as a gem
- An undefined sadness seemed to have fallen about her like a cloud
- An unknown world, wild as primeval chaos
- And a tear like silver, glistened in the corner of her eye
- And all our thoughts ran into tears like sunshine into rain
- And eyes as bright as the day
- And fell as cold as a lump of clay
- And her cheek was like a rose
- And here were forests ancient as the hills
- As beautiful as the purple flush of dawn
- As blind as a mole

- As bright as sunlight on a stream
- As busy as a bee
- As clear as a whistle
- As delicate and as fair as a lily
- As fatal as the fang of the most venomous snake
- As fresh and invigorating as a sea-breeze
- As gently as the flower gives forth its perfume
- As gently as withered leaves float from a tree
- As pale as any ghost
- As quick as the movement of some wild animal
- As radiant as the rose
- As ruthlessly as the hoof of a horse tramples on a rose
- As still as a stone
- As swift as thought
- Away he rushed like a cyclone

B

- Babbling like a child
- Beautiful as the dawn, dominant as the sun
- Black his hair as the wintry night
- Bright as a diamond in the sun
- Buried in his library like a mouse in a cheese
- Butterflies like gems

C

- Calm as the night
- Calm like a flowing river
- Cast thy voice abroad like thunder
- Cheeks as soft as July peaches
- Clear as crystal
- Cold and hard as steel
- Cruel as death

D

- Dainty as flowers
- Dance like a wave of the sea
- Dark and deep as night
- Dazzling white as snow in sunshine
- Deep dark well of sorrow
- Destructive as a lightning flash
- Disappearing into distance like a hazy sea

E

- Eager like a hunter for its game
- Emotions flashed across her face like the sweep of sun-rent clouds over a quiet landscape
- Every flake that fell from heaven was like an angel's kiss
- Exploded like a bomb
- Eyes as luminous and bright and brown as waters of a woodland river

F

- Fade away like a cloud in the horizon
- Felt her breath upon his cheek like a perfumed air
- Fierce as the flames
- Flames like a flag unfurled
- Fled like sweet dreams
- Flowers as soft as thoughts of budding love
- Fluid as thought
- Fluttered like gilded butterflies in giddy mazes
- Fragile as a spider's web
- Free as the air
- Frightened like a child in the dark

G

- Glistening like threads of gold
- Glitter like a swarm of fire-flies
- Glittering like a galaxy of stars

H

- Hard, sharp, and glittering as a sword
- Haunts you like the memory of some former happiness
- He bolted down the stairs like a hare
- He danced like a man in a swarm of hornets
- He lay as straight as a mummy
- He lay like a warrior taking his rest
- He sat down quaking like a jelly
- He snatched furiously at breath like a tiger snatching at meat
- He swept the field of battle like a monsoon
- He turned white as chalk
- He wandered restlessly through the house, like a prowling animal
- Her cheeks are like the blushing cloud
- Her eyes as bright as a blazing star

- Her hair hung down like summer twilight
- Her long black hair danced round her like a snake
- Her mouth as sweet as a ripe peach
- Her voice cut like a knife
- Her voice was rich and vibrant, like the middle notes of a 'cello
- His eyes blazed like fire
- His eyes glowed like blue coals
- His spirits sank like a stone
- His voice rose like a stream of rich distilled perfumes
- His voice was like a clap of thunder
- His whole soul wavered and shook like a wind-swept leaf

I

- I saw a face bloom like a flower
- I saw a river of men marching like a tide
- I wandered lonely as a cloud
- Ideas which spread with the speed of light
- Impassive as a statue
- Impatient as the wind
- It cuts like knives, this air so chill
- It poured upon her like a trembling flood
- It set his memories humming like a hive of bees

L

- Leapt like a hunted stag
- Light as a snowflake
- Lights gleamed there like stars in a still sky
- Like a blast from a horn
- Like a caged lion shaking the bars of his prison
- Like a calm flock of silver-fleeced sheep
- Like a cloud of fire
- Like a cold wind his words went through their flesh
- Like a distant star glimmering steadily in the darkness
- Like a dream she vanished
- Like a flower her red lips parted
- Like a great express train, roaring, flashing, dashing headlong
- Like a high and radiant ocean
- Like a lily in bloom
- Like a murmur of the wind came a gentle sound of stillness
- Like a rocket discharging a shower of golden stars
- Like a snow-flake lost in the ocean
- Like a stab of a dagger
- Like a tide of triumph through their veins, the red, rejoicing blood began to race
- Like a whirlwind they went past
- Like an eagle clutching his prey, his arm swooped down
- Like an enraged tiger

- Like an unwelcome thought
- Like crystals of snow
- Like dew upon a sleeping flower
- Like footsteps upon wool
- Like golden boats on a sunny sea
- Like great black birds, the demons haunt the woods
- Like making a mountain out of a mole-hill
- Like scents from a twilight garden
- Like skeletons, the sycamores uplift their roots
- Like the awful shadow of some unseen power
- Like the bellowing of bulls
- Like the boar encircled by hunters and hounds
- Like the faint exquisite music of a dream
- Like the falling thud of the blade of a murderous axe
- Like the shudder of a doomed soul
- Like the Spring-time, fresh and green
- Like the sudden impulse of a madman
- Loneliness struck him like a blow
- Love brilliant as the morning
- Love smiled like an unclouded sun
- Love that sings and has wings as a bird
- Lovely as starry water

N

- Night falls like fire
- Now every nerve in my body seemed like a strained harp-string ready to snap at a touch
- Now memory and emotion surged in my soul like a rapid river

O

- One winged cloud above like a spread dragon
- Overhead the intense blue of the noonday sky burst like a jewel in the sun

P

- Pale as a drifting blossom
- Passed like a phantom into the shadows
- Peaceful as a village cricket-green on Sunday
- Perished utterly, like a blown-out flame
- Presently she hovered like a fluttering leaf or flake of snow
- Pure as a wild-flower

Q

- Quivering like an eager race-horse to start

R

- Rays springing from the east like golden arrows
- Red as the print of a kiss
- Ride like the wind
- Roared like a lion
- Running to and fro like frightened sheep

S

- Shake like an old leaf
- Shattered like so much glass
- She danced like a flower in the wind
- She felt like an unrepentant criminal
- She fled like a spirit from the room
- She let the soft waves of her deep hair fall like flowers
- She seemed as happy as a wave that dances on the sea
- She was silent, standing before him like a little statuesque figure
- Shining like the dewy star of dawn
- Shrivelled like paper thrust into a flame
- Shy as the squirrel
- Silence that seemed heavy and dark, like a passing cloud
- Skies as clear as babies' eyes
- Spread like wildfire
- Still as death
- Strong as a bison
- Sudden sprays of rain, like volleys of sharp arrows, rattled gustily against the windows
- Suddenly, like death, the truth flashed on them
- Supple and sweet as a rose in bloom
- Swift as lightning
- Swift as the panther in triumph
- Swifter than the twinkling of an eye

T

- The beating of her heart was like a drum
- The church swarmed like a hive
- The hours crawled by like years
- The hurrying crowds of people gathered like clouds
- The lake glimmered as still as a mirror
- The land of gold seemed to hold him like a spell
- The land was like a dream
- The moonlight lay like snow
- The mountains loomed up dimly, like phantoms through the mist
- The name that cuts into my soul like a knife
- The roses lie upon the grass like little shreds of crimson silk
- The sea spread out like a wrinkled marble floor
- The sun, like a great dragon, writhed in gold
- The wine flowed like blood
- There was extreme tension, like a drawn bow
- They dropped like panthers
- They flew like spray
- They had hands like claws

- They had slipped away like visions
- They seem like swarming flies, the crowd of little men
- Trees that spread their forked boughs like a stag's antlers
- Trembling like an aspen-leaf

U

- Unbreakable as iron

V

- Vanish into thin air, like ghosts
- Vanished like snow when comes a thaw
- Vanished like vapor before the sun

W

- Walking somewhat unsteadily like a blind man feeling his way
- Waves glittered and danced on all sides like millions of diamonds
- Whose little eyes glow like the sparks of fire
- With music sweet as love
- With strength like steel
- Wrinkled like a dried apple