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Vocabulary List

chronological

“Letter One” from *Letters to a Young Poet*

1. confidence (line 2) (n.) – full trust; confidential communication
2. tangible (line 5) (adj.) – perceptible by touch
3. endures (line 8) (v.) – lasts
4. transitory (line 9) (adj.) – not permanent
5. preface (line 10) (n.) – an introduction, typically stating its subject, scope, or aims
6. kinship (line 14) (n.) – a connection; a relationship; a similarity
7. solitary (line 14) (adj.) – existing, living, or going without others; without anyone or anything else; not involving or including anyone or anything else
8. assent (line 29) (n.) – agreement; approval
9. solemn (line 29) (adj.) – formal; serious; important
10. accordance (line 30) (n.) – agreement; harmony
11. indifferent (line 31) (adj.) – unconcerned
12. facile (line 34) (adj.) – 1. easily done, superficial / 2. (adj.) – easily achieved, effortless
13. immersion (line 50) (n.) – the act or state of being dipped or submerged in a liquid
14. renounce (line 65) (v.) – to give up; to abandon; to reject
15. reverence (line 77) (n.) – respect; admiration

“Initiation”

1. initiation (page 239) (n.) – the act of admitting someone into a group or society; an induction
2. elect (page 240) (n.) – people who belong to an exclusive group
3. wistful (page 240) (adj.) – having or showing a feeling of regretful longing; yearning for
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8. surge (page 242) (n.) – a rush; a flood; an outpouring; an upwelling
9. frankly (page 242) (adv.) – honestly; truthfully; openly; straightforwardly; bluntly
10. meek (page 243) (adj.) – humble; timid; submissive; gentle; modest; compliant; easily imposed upon
11. malicious (page 243) (adj.) – intending or intended to do harm; mean; cruel; nasty
12. anonymity (page 243) (n.) – the quality or state of being unknown or unacknowledged; nameless; lack of individuality
13. degrading (page 243) (adj.) – humiliating; demeaning; undignified
14. mutely (page 243) (adv.) – silently; noiselessly
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16. exultation (page 243) (n.) – a feeling of triumphant happiness
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21. calculating (page 245) (adj.) – plotting; scheming; devious, conniving, manipulative
22. caroled (page 245) (v.) – sang or said something happily
23. scoffed (page 245) (v.) – ridiculed; laughed at; made fun of
24. antics (page 245) (n.) – clowning around; tricks
25. ruddy (page 246) (adj.) – reddish;
26. gnome (page 246) (n.) – a legendary misshapen, dwarfish creature supposed to guard the earth’s treasures
27. leprechaun (page 246) (n.) – a small, mischievous elf
28. spontaneous (page 246) (adj.) – done as a result of a sudden inner impulse; natural; unplanned; unstructured
29. comradeship (page 246) (n.) – friendship (of those with similar aims or goals)
30. exclusive (page 246) (adj.) – selected few; elite; restricted; private; fashionable; special
31. prestige (page 246) (n.) – widespread respect and admiration; high regard because of wealth or success
32. moors (page 247) (n.) – a tract of open wasteland, often overgrown with heather (a plant with small, pinkish purple flowers), common in high latitudes and altitudes where drainage is poor
33. searing (page 247) (adj.) – extremely hot or intense; sweltering; scorching; burning
34. ego (page 247) (n.) – a person’s sense of self-esteem or self-importance
35. coronation (page 247) (n.) – the ceremony of crowning a ruler
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