

Poetry and Prose

A Tale of 12 Cities

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vivacity

laughing—bubbly way
impresses all around us
deeper feelings, too

felicity

celebrating life
spreading happiness to all
puppies wagging tails

capacity

vessels filling up
caring, passions overflow
best of all, for all

tenacity

squid tentacle time
something happening hurting
small savage devil

perspicacity

sly and foxy face
smiles, hungry, happy free day
tomorrow hens die

publicity

crowd cheers too much noise
many young men, women, tears
paparazzi grin

simplicity

sun is flying high
making happiness below
more than just today

pugnacity

five flexing fingers
tempers flaring fists bunching
faces swollen, too

sagacity

wisdom flies, or cries
chooses well when work is done
not always pleasant

reciprocity

we give, we take, share
to help others, helping each
benefiting all

ferocity

fierce special spirit
fighting hard, smiling, really
no time to suffer

audacity

lion roars, raging
in a cage inside a zoo
standing, waiting—then?

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mendacity

talk too fast—too much
bending truths and confidence—
prevaricator Ω

