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# Words

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Words are just words, to some.  
To them words are just a way of communicating,  
They have no real meaning,  
To them they are nothing and they cannot do anything.  
But for others...  
With the right words an entire world can come to life,  
A world of wonder, and friendship.  
Or, a world of pain and forced isolation.  
For these people, it all depends on the person who is speaking.

They can choose their words,  
To be considerate, compassionate, and courteous.  
The words they use can be helpful.  
They can be like a hug,  
Something that wraps around you  
And makes you feel secure.  
On the other hand though,  
Some choose their words  
To be unfeeling, unfriendly, and unkind.  
They use these words to hurt you.  
They wield them like a slap,  
Something sharp, painful, and unexpected.

Words have so many uses.

In books, to create a world for you to escape into.

In conversation, to express your opinions and feelings.

Or, in some sad cases,

To hang empty in the air

With no one to hear them.

Words can mean so many different things,

But it all depends on who wields them—

And who they choose to be in that moment.