

A Day in June

Sylvia Plath (1949)

vivid (memories)	producing very clear pictures in your mind
wharf	place where boats can be tied up
planks	a long narrow flat piece of wood
to slant	to slope (to bend)
peapods	pea (a small green seed)
	pods (a long thin case filled with seeds)
afloat	floating, swimming
bow	the front part of a ship, boat
stern	the back end of ship, boat
to prance	to move quickly with exaggerated steps, to dance about
to bounce	to move quickly away from a surface it has just hit
checkered (chequered)	having a pattern of squares of different colours
to twinkle	to shine with a light that keeps changing from bright to faint to bright again
meadow	a field covered in grass
to glance off sth	to hit sth at an angle and move off it in a different direction
dazzle	bright light that stops you from seeing
to glass	having a shiny surface
exhilaration	a feeling of great happiness and excitement
to burst	to break open or apart
shifting	changing
speck	a very small spot
cove	a small bay (lake or sea partly enclosed by land)
to drift	a slow steady movement from one place to another
to squint	to look at something with your eyes partly shut in order to keep out bright light or to see better
lashes	eyelashes; the hair growing on the edge of the eyelids
lulled	to be relaxed and calm
to lap	to touch something gently and regularly making a soft sound
prow	the pointed front part of a ship or boat
tremor	a slight shaking movement
veins	the tubes in your body that carry blood
tenseness	suspense, pressure
alert	wary, watchful, attentive
to be in the offing	likely to appear or to happen, upcoming, imminent
to skirt	to be or go around the edge of something
cluster	a group of things close together
to teeter	to stand or move in an unsteady way
perilously	very dangerously
reckless	showing a lack of care about danger and possible results
to ache	to have a strong desire to do sth
to tingle	to feel as if a lot of small sharp points are pushing
nonchalance	giving the impression that you are not feeling any

	anxiety
to feign	to pretend a particular feeling
to tip over	to fall or turn over
of its own accord	without being asked
to bob	to move quickly up and down
patter	fast continuous talk
mock	not sincere
groan	a long deep sound because you are annoyed
to flatter	to say nice things about sb, often in a way that is not sincere
stringy	long and thin (as if not washed)
uncombed	hair that has not been brushed; very untidy
pallor	pale colouring of the face, especially because of illness or fear
haze	a mental state in which your thoughts, feelings are not clear
coquettish	a woman who behaves in a way that is intended to attract men
to loom	to appear as a large shape that is not clear
laconically	using only very few words
to falter	to speak in a way that shows you're not confident
to churn	if your stomach churns, you feel a strong, unpleasant feeling of worry, disgust or fear
to pound	to beat quickly and loudly (heart, blood)
temples	each of the flat parts at the side of the forehead
embarrassed	ashamed
to blur	if sth blurs your eyes, you cannot see things clearly
queer	strange, unusual
to choke	to be unable to breathe because the passage to your lungs is blocked
averted	to turn your eyes, etc. away from sth that you do not want to see
to wobble	to move from side to side in an unsteady way
to hiss	to make a sound like a long 's'
to drown out	to be louder than other sounds so that you cannot hear them
repentant	to be sorry for sth wrong that you have done
even	flat, not changing very much
to shatter	suddenly break into small pieces
malicious	showing hatred and a desire to harm sb
to whirl	to move around quickly in a circle
to suffocate	to die because there is no air to breathe
to smother	to kill sb by covering their face so that they cannot breathe
flakes	a small, very thin layer or piece of sth, especially one that has broken off from sth larger
desolate	very lonely and unhappy