

"the last leaf"
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acute(adj.) very serious, critical [important]chivalric(adj.) noble, courageous, honorable, readiness to help the weak and protect womenclinging(v.) adhering, sticking together [sticking]colony(n.) a group having similar interests living in a particular local [community]congenial(adj.) compatible; having the same tastes and temperament [friendly]daub(n.) a poorly painted picture [drop, spot]derision(n.) contempt or ridicule [insult]dissolution(n.) disintegration, the ending of life [separation]duffer(n.) anything counterfeit or worthless [blunderer]flibbertigibbet(n.) an irresponsible, flighty person [rumormonger]gnarled(adj.) knotty and twisted as the trunk of an old tree [knotted]hermit(n.) person who lives alone in a lonely or deluded spot, often from religious motives, recluse [loner]imp(n.) a devil's offspring, young demon, a mischievous child [rascal]mastiff(n.) powerful dog used as a guard dogmonocle(n.) an eyeglass for one eye only [glasses]morbid(adj.) resulted from a diseased state of mind; especially having or showing an unwholesome tendency to dwell on gruesome or gloomy matters [gloomy]pharmacopoeia(n.) stock of drugs and medicines available to doctorsprowling(v.) to roam about furtively, as in search of prey or loot [slink]quaint(adj.) unusual or old fashioned in a pleasing way [strange]ravager(n.) the act of violent destruction [thief]ripple(v.) movement, appearance or formation suggesting little waves on the surface [wave, wrinkle]satyr(n.) Greek myth, represented as having pointed ears, short horns, the head and body of a man, and the legs of a goat; a lustful or lecherous manscoff(v.) to show mocking contempt, scorn, or derision, especially by language [make fun]smite(v.) to hit or strike hard [hit]solicitously(adv.) filled with anxiety or apprehension [cautiously]stricken(v.) afflicted or affected, as by something painful or very

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distressing [sad, sorrowful]swaggered(v.) walk boldly, arrogantly,
struttedtable d'hote(n.) a complete meal served at a stated time and fixed
price [menu of complete meals]traverse(v.) to go back and forth over or
along, cross, recross [cross over]zephyrs(n.) soft, gentle breezes ON" THE
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