

## The Language of Flowers

**Acacia Blossom**—concealed love;  
Beauty in Retirement; chaste love  
**Acorn**—Nordic Symbol of life and  
immortality  
**Ambrosia**—Your love is reciprocated  
**Amaryllis**—Pride, Pastoral poetry  
**Anemone**—Forsaken  
**Arbutus**—Thee only do I love  
**Aster**—Symbol of love; daintiness  
**Azalea**—Take care of yourself for me;  
temperance; fragile passion; Chinese  
symbol of womanhood  
**Bachelor Button**—single blessedness  
**Begonia**—Beware  
**Bells of Ireland**—Good luck  
**Bittersweet**—Truth  
**Bluebell**—Humility  
**Bouquet of Withered Flowers**—Rejected  
love  
**Cactus**—Endurance  
**Camellia**—Admiration; perfection;  
good luck gift to a man  
**Camellia, pink**—Longing for you  
**Camellia, red**—You're a flame in my  
heart  
**Camellia, white**—You're admirable  
**Candytuft**—Indifference  
**Carnation, general**—Fascination,  
woman love  
**Carnation, pink**—I'll never forget you  
**Carnation, purple**—Capriciousness  
**Carnation, red**—My heart aches for  
you, admiration  
**Carnation, solid color**—Yes  
**Carnation, striped**—No; refusal; Sorry,  
I can't be with you; Wish I could be with  
you  
**Carnation, white**—Sweet and lovely;  
innocence; pure love; woman's good  
luck gift  
**Carnation, yellow**—You have  
disappointed me; rejection  
**Cattail**—peace, prosperity

**Chrysanthemum, general**—You're a  
wonderful friend; cheerfulness and rest  
**Chrysanthemum, red**—I love  
**Chrysanthemum, white**—Truth  
**Chrysanthemum, yellow**—Slighted  
love  
**Coreopsis**—Always cheerful  
**Crocus**—Cheerfulness  
**Cyclamen**—Resignation and good bye  
**Daffodil**—Regard; unrequited love;  
you're the only one; the sun is always  
shining when I'm with you  
**Daisy**—Innocence; loyal love; I'll never  
tell; purity  
**Dandelion**—Faithfulness; happiness  
**Dead Leaves**—Sadness  
**Fern**—Magic; fascination; confidence  
and shelter  
**Fern, maidenhair**—Secret bond of love  
**Fir**—Time  
**Flax**—Domestic symbol  
**Forget-me-not**—True love; memories  
**Forsythia**—Anticipation  
**Gardenia**—You're lovely; secret love  
**Garlic**—Courage; strength  
**Geranium**—Stupidity; folly  
**Gladiolus**—Give me a break...I'm  
really sincere; flower of the gladiators  
**Gloxinia**—Love at first sight  
**Grass**—Submission  
**Heather, lavender**—Admiration;  
solitude  
**Heather, white**—Protection; wishes will  
come true  
**Holly**—Defense; Domestic happiness  
**Hyacinth, general**—Games and Sports;  
rashness; flower dedicated to Apollo  
**Hyacinth, blue**—Constancy  
**Hyacinth, purple**—I am sorry; please  
forgive me; sorrow  
**Hyacinth, red or pink**—Play  
**Hyacinth, yellow**—Jealousy  
**Hyacinth, white**—Loveliness; I'll pray  
for you  
**Hydrangea**—Thank you for  
understanding; Frigidity; Heartlessness

**Iris**—Fleur-de-lis, Emblem of France;  
Your friendship means so much to me;  
faith; hope; wisdom and valor; my  
complements

**Ivy**—Wedded love; fidelity; friendship;  
affection

**Ivy sprig of white tendrils**—anxious to  
please; affection

**Jonquil**—Love me; affection returned;  
desire; sympathy; desire for affection  
returned

**Larkspur, pink**—Fickleness

**Lily, Calla**—Beauty

**Lily, day**—Coquetry; Chinese emblem  
for Mother

**Lily, eucharis**—Maiden charms

**Lily, orange**—Hatred

**Lily, tiger**—Wealth; pride

**Lily, white**—Virginity; purity; majesty;  
it's heavenly to be with you

**Lily, yellow**—I'm walking on air; false  
and gay

**Lily-of-the-valley**—Sweetness; Tears of  
the Virgin Mary; return to happiness;  
humility; you've made my life complete

**Magnolia**—Nobility

**Marigold**—Cruelty; grief; jealousy

**Mistletoe**—Kiss me; affection; to  
surmount difficulties; sacred plant of  
India; magic plant of the Druids

**Monkhood**—Beware; a deadly foe is  
near

**Moss**—Maternal love; charity

**Myrtle**—Love; Hebrew emblem of  
marriage

**Narcissus**—Egotism; Formality; stay as  
sweet as you are

**Nasturtium**—Conquest; victory in  
battle

**Nuts**—Stupidity

**Oleander**—Caution

**Orange Blossom**—Innocence; eternal  
love; marriage and fruitfulness

**Orange Mock**—Deceit

**Orchid**—Love; beauty; refinement;  
beautiful lady; Chinese symbol for many  
children

**Orchid, cattleya**—Mature charm

**Palm Leaves**—Victory and success

**Peony**—Shame; gay life; happy  
marriage

**Petunia**—Resentment; anger; your  
presence soothes me

**Pine**—Hope; pity

**Poppy, general**—Eternal sleep;  
oblivion; imagination

**Poppy, red**—Pleasure

**Poppy, white**—Consolation (Poppy is  
the floral sign of consolation probably  
because it was created by "Ceres" while  
in search of her daughter, Proserpine to  
assuage her grief.)

**Poppy, yellow**—Wealth; success

**Primrose**—I can't live without you

**Primrose, evening**—Inconstancy

**Rose, bridal**—Happy love

**Rose, Christmas**—Anxiety; tranquilize  
my anxiety

**Rose, Damask**—Persian ambassador of  
love

**Rose, Dark Crimson**—Mourning

**Rose, hibiscus**—Delicate beauty

**Rose Leaf**—You may hope

**Rose, pink**—Perfect happiness; please  
believe me

**Rose, red**—Love, I love you

**Rose, Single full bloom**—I love you; I  
still love you

**Rose, tea**—I'll remember; always

**Rose, Thornless**—Love at first sight

**Rose, white**—Innocence and purity; I  
am worthy of you; you're heavenly;  
secrecy and silence

**Rose, white and red together**—Unity

**White on red together**—Flower  
emblem of England

**Rose, white (dried)**—Death is  
preferable to loss of virtue

**Rose, white (withered)**-Transient impression; fleeting beauty; you made no impression  
**Rose, yellow**—Decrease of love; jealousy; try to care  
**Rosebud**—Beauty and youth; a heart innocent of love  
**Rosebud, moss**—Confessions of love  
**Rosebud, Red**—Pure and lovely  
**Rosebud, white**—Girlhood  
**Roses, Bouquet of full Bloom**-Gratitude  
**Roses, Garland or crown of**—Beware of virtue; reward of merit; crown, symbol of superior men  
**Roses, muck cluster**—Charming  
**Smilax**—Loveliness  
**Snapdragon**—Deception, gracious lady  
**Spider Flower**—Elope with me  
**Stephanotis**—Happiness in marriage; desire to travel  
**Stock**—Bonds of affection; promptness; you'll always be beautiful to me

**Sweetpea**—Good-bye; departure; blissful pleasure; thank you for a lovely time  
**Tulip, general**—Perfect lover; fame; flower emblem of Holland  
**Tulip, red**—Believe me; declaration of love  
**Tulip, Variegated**—Beautiful eyes  
**Tulip, yellow**—There's sunshine in your smile  
**Violet**—Modesty  
**Violet, blue**—Watchfulness; faithfulness; I'll always be true  
**Violet, white**—Let's take a chance on happiness  
**Viscaria**—Will you dance with me?  
**Zinnia, magenta**—Lasting affection  
**Zinnia, mixed**—Thinking (or in memory) of an absent friend  
**Zinnia, scarlet**—Constancy  
**Zinnia, white**—Goodness  
**Zinnia, yellow**—Daily remembrance