

WORDS

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They can form deep within a soul,
break spirits or make them whole,
cause belly laughter or draw tears,
allay worries and quiet fears.
They can spark a revolution,
crumble a crooked institution,
cause people to pull together,
or cause rifts that last forever.

They can fascinate their writer,
gift epiphany to a reader.
Sometimes they're meant to enlighten,
other times they're used to frighten.
At weddings, they're often delightful,
during arguments, they're spiteful.
They can't truly be taken back,
on white paper, they're usually black.

Spoken softly, they can seduce,
spoken harshly, they can reduce.
Said calmly, they might soothe,
when sung, they might groove.
If ignored, they're simply wasted,
if adored, it's as if they're tasted,
as they form on tongue tips,
then spill from between parted lips.

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