

Acres

“Where I come from, people / carry woods in their minds,
acres of pine woods;”

Lands.

Aimless

“wooden farmhouses, old, in need of paint, / with yards
where hens and chickens circle about, / clucking
aimlessly,”

Without direction or purpose.

Atmosphere

“Atmosphere of cities / how different drops from them,
like the smell of smog / or the almost-not-smell of tulips in
the spring,”

A surrounding or pervading mood, environment, or
influence.

Batter

“battered schoolhouses / behind which violets grow.”

To damage by beating or hard usage.

Chief

“Spring and winter / are the mind’s chief seasons: ice and
the breaking of ice.”

Of greatest importance or influence.

Chromium

“or the smell of work, glue factories maybe, / chromium-
plated offices;”

A lustrous, hard, metallic element used in alloy steels for
hardness and corrosion resistance.

Grace

“They carry with them / hints of jungles or mountains, a
tropic grace / or the cool eyes of sea-gazers.”

Elegance or beauty of form, manner, motion, or action.

Guidebook

““museum smell, / art also tidily plotted with a
guidebook;”

A book of directions, advice, and information, especially
for travelers or tourists.

Plot

“nature tidily plotted in little squares / with a fountain in the centre;”

A measured piece of land.

Smog

“Atmosphere of cities / how different drops from them, like the smell of smog / or the almost-not-smell of tulips in the spring,”

A fog made heavier and darker by smoke and chemical fumes.

Tropic

“They carry with them / hints of jungles or mountains, a tropic grace / or the cool eyes of sea-gazers.”

Part of the world that is near the equator where the weather is very warm.