

## A Little Word (Anonymous)

A little word in kindness spoken,  
A motion or a tear.  
Has often healed the hearts broken  
And made a friend sincere.

A word, a look has crushed to earth,  
Full many a budding flower.  
Which had a smile but owned its birth,  
Had blessed life's darkest hour.

Then deem it not an idle thing,  
A pleasant word to speak.  
The face you wear, the thoughts you bring,  
A heart may heal or break.

Words	Meanings
deem	think, consider
motion	action or movement
a budding flower	a flower in its earliest stages
a blessed life	a life of goodness and peace
darkest hour	worst moments
a pleasant word	a kind and loving word

**Notes:**

Always think before you speak because your words can either break a heart or heal it. So always choose your words before speaking.

### EXERCISE

Answer the following questions.

1. Write a summary of the poem.
2. Find the rhyming words in the poem.
3. What effect does a kind word have upon others?
4. How can harsh words break a person's heart?