

- Ye are made *nigh* by the blood of Christ. Eph. ii.
6. Near in progress or condition. Heb. vi.
- NIGH**, *adv. nī*. Near; at a small distance in place or time, or in the course of events. He was sick, *nigh* to death. Phil. ii.
2. Near to a place. He drew *nigh*. Milton.
3. Almost; near. He was *nigh* dead. *Nigh* is never a preposition. In the phrase, "*nigh* this recess, with terror they survey," there is an ellipsis of *to*. They, *nigh* to this recess, survey, &c.
- NIGH**, *v. i. nī*. To approach; to advance or draw near. [Not used.] Hubberd.
- NIGHTLY**, *adv. nīly*. Nearly; within a little.
- A cube and a sphere *nightly* of the same bigness. [Not used.] Locke.
- NIGHNESS**, *n. nīness*. Nearness; proximity in place, time or degree.
- NIGHT**, *n. nīte*. [Sax. *nihl*; Goth. *nahts*; D. *nagt*; G. *nacht*; Sw. *natt*; Dan. *natt*, contracted; L. *nox*; Gr. *νξ*; Sp. *noche*; Port. *noite*; It. *notte*; Fr. *nuît*; Ir. *nocht*; Russ. *noch*; Slav. *nosch*; Sans. *nīsha*. The sense may be dark, black, or it may be the decline of the day, from declining, departing, like the Shemitic עֶרֶב.]
1. That part of the natural day when the sun is beneath the horizon, or the time from sunset to sunrise.
2. The time after the close of life; death. John ix. She closed her eyes in everlasting *night*. Dryden.
3. A state of ignorance; intellectual and moral darkness; heathenish ignorance. Rom. xiii.
4. Adversity; a state of affliction and distress. Is. xxi.
5. Obscurity; a state of concealment from the eye or the mind; unintelligibility. Nature and nature's works lay hid in *night*. Pope.
- In the *night*, suddenly; unexpectedly. Luke xii.
- To-night*, in this *night*. *To-night* the moon will be eclipsed.
- NIGHT-ANGLING**, *n.* The angling for or catching fish in the *night*. Encyc.
- NIGHT-BIRD**, *n.* A bird that flies only in the *night*. Hall.
- NIGHT-BORN**, *a.* Produced in darkness.
- NIGHT-BRAWLER**, *n.* One who excites brawls or makes a tumult at *night*. Shak.
- NIGHT-CAP**, *n.* A cap worn in bed or in undress. Swift.
- NIGHT-CROW**, *n.* A fowl that cries in the *night*. Shak.
- NIGHT-DEW**, *n.* The dew formed in the *night*. Dryden.
- NIGHT-DOG**, *n.* A dog that hunts in the *night*; used by deer-stealers. Shak.
- NIGHT-DRESS**, *n.* A dress worn at *night*. Pope.
- NIGHTED**, *a.* Darkened; clouded; black. [Little used.] Shak.
- NIGHTFALL**, *n.* The close of the day; evening. Swift.
- NIGHT-FARING**, *a.* Traveling in the *night*. Gay.
- NIGHT-FIRE**, *n.* Ignis fatuus; Will with a wisp; Jack with a lantern. Herbert.
2. Fire burning in the *night*.

- NIGHT-FLY**, *n.* An insect that flies in the *night*. Shak.
- NIGHT-FOUNDERED**, *a.* Lost or distressed in the *night*. Milton.
- NIGHT-GOWN**, *n.* A loose gown used for undress. Addison.
- NIGHT-HAG**, *n.* A witch supposed to wander in the *night*. Milton.
- NIGHTINGALE**, *n.* [Sax. *nihlegale*; Sw. *nächtergal*; D. *nagtegaal*; G. *nachtigall*; Dan. *nattergal*; composed of *night* and Sax. *galan*, to sing.]
1. A small bird that sings at *night*, of the genus *Motacilla*; *Philomela* or *Philomel*. Shak. Waller.
2. A word of endearment. Shak.
- NIGHTISH**, *a.* Pertaining to *night*, or attached to the *night*.
- NIGHTLY**, *a.* Done by *night*; happening in the *night*, or appearing in the *night*; as *nightly* sports; *nightly* dews.
2. Done every *night*. The watch goes his *nightly* round.
- NIGHTLY**, *adv.* By *night*. There, *Sion*, and the flowery brooks beneath, *Nightly* I visit. Milton.
2. Every *night*. Addison.
- NIGHT-MAN**, *n.* One who removes filth from cities in the *night*.
- NIGHTMAR**, *n.* [*night* and Sax. *mara*, incubus, *nightmar*. *Mara* may be from the root of *merran*, to stop, to hinder, [see *Moor*]; or it may be the Rabbinic מַרָּא, an evil spirit or demon.]
- Incubus; a sensation in sleep resembling the pressure of a weight on the breast or about the præcordia. It is usually the effect of indigestion or of a loaded stomach.
- NIGHT-PIECE**, *n.* A piece of painting so colored as to be supposed seen by candle-light. Addison.
- NIGHT-RAIL**, *n.* [*night* and Sax. *regl*, or rather *hrægle*, a garment or robe.]
- A loose robe or garment worn over the dress at *night*. [Not used.] Addison.
- NIGHT-RAVEN**, *n.* A fowl of ill omen that cries in the *night*. Spenser. Shak.
- NIGHT-REST**, *n.* Rest or repose at *night*. Shak.
- NIGHT-ROBBER**, *n.* One that robs or steals in the *night*. Spenser.
- NIGHT-RULE**, *n.* A tumult or frolic in the *night*. Shak.
- NIGHTSHADE**, *n.* [Sax. *nihtscaða*.]
- A plant of the genus *Solanum*. The deadly *nightshade* is of the genus *Atropa*; the *American nightshade* of the genus *Phytolacca*; the *bastard nightshade* of the genus *Rivina*; the *enchanter's nightshade* of the genus *Circæa*; the *Malabar nightshade* of the genus *Basella*; and the *three-leaved nightshade* of the genus *Trillium*. Fam. of Plants.
- NIGHT-SHINING**, *a.* Shining in the *night*; luminous in darkness. Wilkins.
- NIGHT-SHRIEK**, *n.* A shriek or outcry in the *night*. Shak.
- NIGHT-SPELL**, *n.* A charm against accidents at *night*. Chancer.
- NIGHT-TRIPPING**, *a.* Tripping about in the *night*; as a *night-tripping* fairy. Shak.
- NIGHT-VISION**, *n.* A vision at *night*. Dan. ii.

- NIGHT-WAKING**, *a.* Watching in the *night*.
- NIGHT-WALK**, *n.* A walk in the evening or *night*. Walton.
- NIGHT-WALKER**, *n.* One that walks in his sleep; a somnambulist.
2. One that roves about in the *night* for evil purposes. *Night-walkers* are punishable by law.
- NIGHT-WALKING**, *a.* Roving in the *night*.
- NIGHT-WALKING**, *n.* A roving in the streets at *night* with evil designs.
- NIGHT-WANDERER**, *n.* One roving at *night*. Shak.
- NIGHT-WANDERING**, *a.* Wandering in the *night*. Shak.
- NIGHT-WARBLING**, *a.* Warbling or singing in the *night*. Milton.
- NIGHTWARD**, *a.* Approaching towards *night*. Milton.
- NIGHT-WATCH**, *n.* A period in the *night*, as distinguished by the change of the watch. *Night-watches*, however, in the Psalms, seems to mean the *night* or time of sleep in general.
2. A watch or guard in the *night*.
- NIGHT-WATCHER**, *n.* One that watches in the *night* with evil designs.
- NIGHT-WITCH**, *n.* A *night* hag; a witch that appears in the *night*.
- NIGRESCENT**, *a.* [L. *nigresco*, to grow black.
- Growing black; changing to a black color; approaching to blackness.
- NIGRIN**, { An ore of titanium, found
- NIGRINE**, { *n.* in black grains or rolled pieces. Ure.
- NIHILITY**, *n.* [L. *nihilum*, *nihil*, nothing; *ne* and *hilum*.]
- Nothingness; a state of being nothing. Watts.
- NILL**, *v. t.* [Sax. *nillan*, that is, *ne*, not, and *willan*, to will; L. *nolo*; *ne* and *volo*.]
- Not to will; to refuse; to reject. Obs.
- NILL**, *v. i.* To be unwilling. Spenser. Shak.
- NILL**, *n.* The shining sparks of brass in trying and melting the ore. Johnson.
- NILOMETER**, *n.* [Nile and Gr. *μετρον*, measure.
- An instrument for measuring the rise of water in the Nile during the flood.
- NIM**, *v. t.* [Sax. *neman*, *niman*, Goth. *niman*, D. *neemen*, Gr. *nehmen*, to take.]
- To take; to steal; to filch. Obs. Hudibras. L'Estrange.
- NIMBLE**, *a.* [qu. W. *nwyv*, liveliness. In Dan. *nem* is sharp, acute.]
- Light and quick in motion; moving with ease and celerity; lively; swift. It is applied chiefly to motions of the feet and hands, sometimes to other things; as a *nimble* boy; the *nimble-footed* deer.
- Through the mid seas the *nimble* pinnace sails. Pope.
- NIMBLE-FOOTED**, *a.* Running with speed; light of foot.
- NIMBLENESS**, *n.* Lightness and agility in motion; quickness; celerity; speed; swiftness. It implies lightness and springiness.
- The stag thought it better to trust to the *nimbleness* of his feet. Sidney.
- Ovid ranged over Parnassus with great *nimbleness* and agility. Addison.