

# “Dark They Were, and Golden-Eyed” Vocabulary

**Indifferent**(adj) no care or concern one way or the other

**Convivial** (adj) enjoyable, friendly, pleasant to be in the company of

**Anachronism**(n) something historically, chronologically out of its proper context

**Subtly** (adv) slightly, not obviously, cleverly indirect

**Receded** (v) to go back down from a previous point or level

**Forlorn** (adj) lost and lonely, sad

**Reluctant** (adj) unwilling, with reservation or hesitation

**Bewildered** (adj) confused, befuddled, disoriented

**Pendulum** (n) a device designed to swing rhythmically from a fixed point

**Mused** (v) absorbed in deep, focused thought, to contemplate

**Idled** (v) not having accomplished work, inactivated, not moving

**Amiss** (adj) not as it should be, somewhat incorrect, out of place

**Diplomacy** (n) management of communication between entities, groups, governments

**Dismay** (n) loss of confidence, feeling of hopelessness, discouragement

**Mosaic** (n) picture or design made up of many smaller pieces of various materials

**Ceased** (v) stopped, halted

**Philosophy** (n) the study of the basic nature of knowledge, reality, existence

**Villa** (n) a large luxurious country home, often with open balconies

**Peered** (v) to look closely at something difficult to clearly make out

**Murmuring** (v) a soft, indistinct sound made by a person or group talking