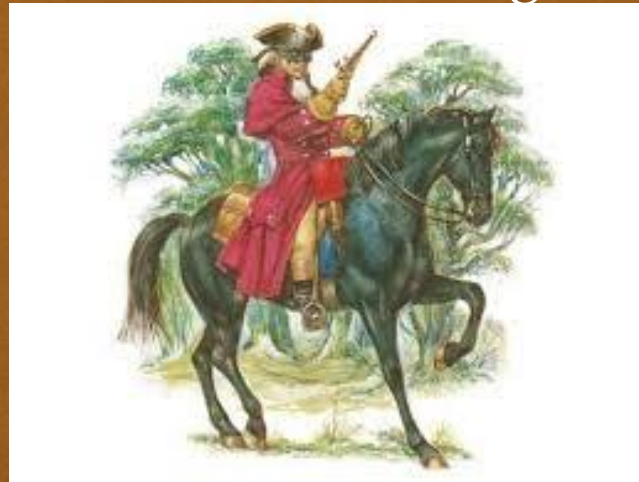


The Highwayman



An interactive visual glossary.



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ale

They said no word to the landlord, they drank his ale instead



☞ noun

A strong and heavy kind of beer.

☞ 'He ordered a pint of ale from the bar.'



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barred

He taps his whip on the shutters, but all is locked and barred



∞ adjective

Kept closed with bars.

∞ 'The door was barred with a plank of wood.'

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bonny

One kiss, my **bonny** sweetheart, I'm after a prize to-night



∞ adjective

Attractive or
pretty.

∞ 'She is a bonny girl.'



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bound

But they gagged his daughter and bound her to the foot of the narrow bed



☞ verb

Tied up or tied to something.

☞ 'They bound her to the tree.'

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brand

But she loosened her hair i' the casement! His face burnt like a brand



☞ noun

A mark made by burning with hot iron.

☞ 'The Tudor criminal was marked with a brand.'



brandished

With the white road smoking behind him and his rapier **brandished** high



verb

Waving a weapon
in a menacing
way.

'He brandished a sword.'

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breeches

A coat of the claret velvet, and breeches of brown doe-skin



noun

Knee length
trousers.

'He wore a lovely pair of
breeches.'



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cascade

As the black **cascade** of perfume came tumbling over his breast



☞ noun

Water or liquid falling or rushing steeply.

☞ 'The cascade of water was breathtaking.'

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casement

Two of them knelt at her casement, with muskets at their side!



☞ noun

A window that opens with hinges at the sides.

☞ 'I opened the casement to let in fresh air.'



clangs

Over the cobbles he clatters and clangs in the dark inn-yard



verb

Making a loud metallic ringing sound.

'The bell clangs to call us for lunch.'



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claret

A coat of the **claret** velvet, and breeches of brown doe-skin



☞ adjective

Coloured dark
red like French
wine.

☞ 'The team wore a claret
football strip.'



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clattered

Over the cobbles he **clattered** and clashed in the dark inn-yard



🌀 verb

Making a loud rattling or banging noise.

🌀 'We clattered across the wobbly floorboards.'

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cocked-hat

He'd a French **cocked-hat** on his forehead, a bunch of lace at his chin



☞ noun

A three-
cornered hat.

☞ 'The man wore a black cocked-hat.'



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curse

Back, he spurred like a madman, shrieking a **curse** to the sky



☞ noun

Swearing or wishing for something bad to happen.

☞ 'He shouted a curse at his enemy.'

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dawning

he did not come in the **dawning**; he did not come at noon



☞ noun

The first sight
of sun in the
morning.

☞ 'The birds woke up at the
dawning of the day.'



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doe-skin

A coat of the claret velvet, and breeches of brown doe-skin



☞ noun

The skin of a female deer.

☞ 'The coat was made of doe-skin.'

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gagged

But they gagged his daughter and bound her to the foot of her narrow bed



verb

Put something in
the mouth to
stop speech.

'He was gagged with a cloth.'



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galleon

When the moon is a ghostly **galleon** tossed upon cloudy seas



🌀 noun

A large sailing ship used for war or trade.

🌀 'They sailed the seas in a galleon.'

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galloped

Then he tugged at his rein in the moonlight, and galloped away to the West



verb

Riding a horse at very high speed.

'The horse and rider galloped across the field.'



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gusty

The wind was a torrent of darkness among the **gusty** trees



∞ adjective

Blown by a
sudden strong
wind.

∞ 'It was a gusty October day.'

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harry

Yet if they press me sharply, and **harry** me through the day



verb

To harass or
torment
someone.

'The bullies harry him at
lunchtime.'



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hilt

His rapier **hilt** a-twinkle, under the jeweled sky



☞ noun

The handle of a sword.

☞ 'He held on to the hilt of his sword.'

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hollows

His eyes were hollows of madness, his hair like mouldy hay



☞ noun

An unfilled
space.

☞ 'Hollows had been dug in the ground.'



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inn

King George's men came marching, up to the old inn-door



☞ inn

A pub with
rooms to rent.

☞ 'They stayed the night at the
inn.'

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jeweled

His rapier hilt a-twinkle, under the **jeweled** sky



∞ adjective

Covered in
precious stones.

∞ 'The Queen wore a jeweled crown.'



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landlord

They said no word to the **landlord**, they drank his ale instead



☞ noun

A man who owns
a pub.

☞ 'The landlord served them at
the bar.'

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moor

When the road was a gypsy's ribbon, looping the purple moor



☞ noun

Hills covered in
purple heather
or grasses.

☞ 'We hiked over the moor.'

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musket

They had bound a **musket** beside her, with the barrel beneath her breast!



☞ noun

A long-barreled
gun fired from
the shoulder.



☞ 'The soldier fired a musket.'

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ostler

Where Tim the **ostler** listened; his face was white and peaked



☞ noun

A man who cares
for horses.

☞ 'The ostler mucked out the
horse stable.'

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peaked

Where Tim the ostler listened; his face was white and peaked



☞ adjective

Looking pale and unwell.

☞ 'The boy looked peaked after eating a worm.'



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pistol

His pistol butts a-twinkle



☞ noun

A small gun that
can be fired
with one hand.

☞ 'She shot at him with a pistol.'

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priming

The red-coats looked to their **priming**! She stood up, straight and still!



🌀 noun

The explosive
used to fire a
musket.

🌀 'The soldiers got the priming
ready.'



rapier

With the white road smoking behind him and his rapier brandished high!



🌀 noun

A straight sword
with a thin
blade.

🌀 'The pirate used a rapier in
the swordfight.'

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rein

The he tugged at his **rein** in the moonlight, and galloped away to the West



☞ noun

Straps used to
guide a horse.

☞ 'The rider grabbed the
horse's rein.'



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scarce

He rose upright in the stirrups; he scarce could reach her hand



☞ adverb

Not quite
enough.

☞ 'We scarce had enough food to eat.'

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shattered

Her musket **shattered** the moonlight



verb

Broken into
pieces suddenly.

'The rock shattered the window.'



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shrieking

Back, he spurred like a madman, *shrieking* a curse to the sky



verb

A shrill and
piercing scream
or cry.

'The girls are shrieking
because they are scared.'

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shutters

He taps his whip on the **shutters**, but all is locked and barred



🌀 noun

Wooden covers
on the outside
of windows.

🌀 'We opened the shutters to
let in the light.'



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sniggering

They had tied her up to attention, with many a sniggering jest



☞ adjective

Laughing at
someone in a
mean way.

☞ 'The girls played tricks with a sniggering laugh.'

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spurred

He turned; he spurred to the West; he did not know who stood



verb

Using a blade on a boot to make a horse run faster.

'The rider spurred the horse on to get home faster.'



stable-wicket

And dark in the dark old inn-yard a **stable-wicket** creaked

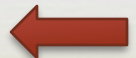


☞ noun

The door of a horse's stable.

☞ 'The stable-wicket was opened to let the horse out.'

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strive

She would not risk their hearing, she would not **strive** again



verb

Try really hard
or make an
effort.

'She will strive to reach the
top of the mountain.'

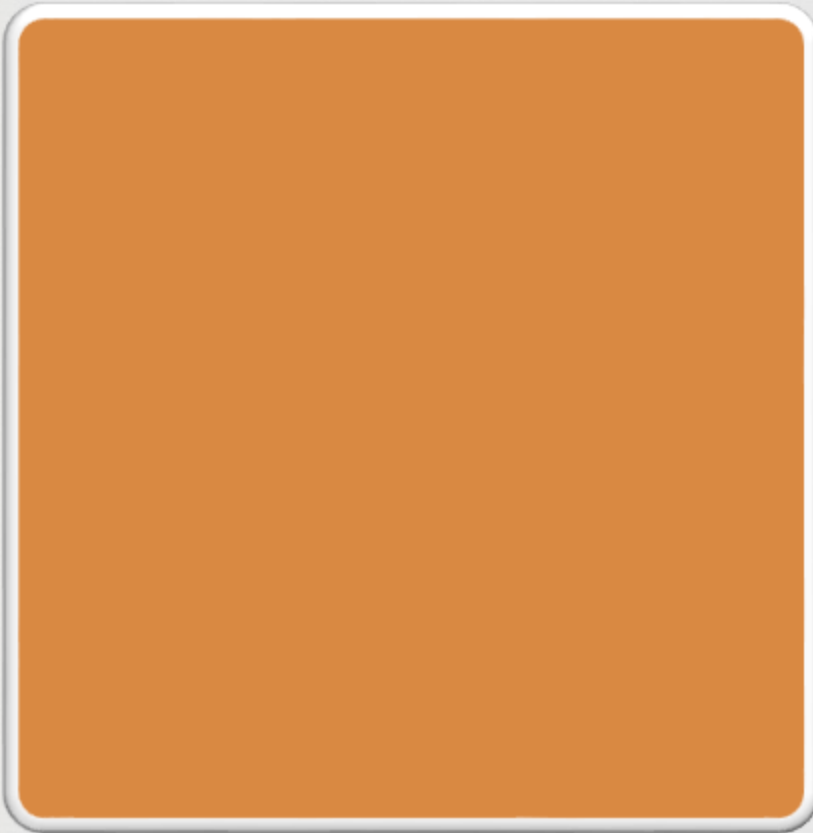


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tawny

And out o' the tawny sunset, before the rise o' the moon

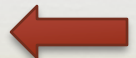


∞ adjective

A warm sandy
orange colour.

∞ 'The tawny coloured deer ran through the fields.'

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torrent

The wind was a **torrent** of darkness among the gusty trees



☞ noun

A violent stream
of water.

☞ 'The ball that fell in the river
was swept away in the
torrents.'



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trigger

The tip of one finger touched it! The **trigger** at least was hers!



🌀 noun

The part of a gun that makes it fire.

🌀 'He pulled the trigger and fired the gun.'

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troop

A red-coat **troop** came marching



☞ noun

A group of
soldiers in an
army.

☞ 'The troop marched into
battle.'



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velvet

Blood-red were his spurs i' the golden noon; wine-red was his velvet coat

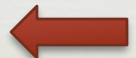


noun

A very soft and rich fabric.

'The theatre curtains were made of velvet.'

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whip

He taps with his **whip** on the shutters, but all is locked and barred



🌀 noun

Leather on a handle used to make animals move faster.

🌀 'The rider used a whip on his horse.'



writhed

She **writhed** her hands till her fingers were wet with sweat or blood!



🌀 verb

Twisting or
struggling to get
free.

🌀 'She writhed to get out of the handcuffs.'

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yard

Over the cobbles he clatters and clangs in the dark inn-yard



🌀 noun

A paved area
outside of a
building.

🌀 'The hikers left their dirty
boots out in the yard.'



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