

Ballad Thesaurus

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Here are some alternatives to describing a ballad as "beautiful". Try some of these on your next gig!

A
admirable
arousing
abject
alluring
ambrosial
angelic
appealing
ardent
ardent
aristocratic
asomatous
astonishing
austere
awe-inspiring

B
baronial
beauteous
bewitching
beyondwords
blissful
blithe
bouyant
breathless
breathtaking
brilliant
brittle

C
captivating
celebrated
celestial
charming
cheerless
chic
choice
classy
clever
commanding
compelling
courageous
creative
cultivated
cultured
cute

D
dainty
dazzling
decorative
deep
dejected
delicate

delightful
desolate
despairing
despondent
dignified
disconsolate
distinctive
divine
doleful
dolorous
downcast
dramatic
dreamlike
dynamic

E
ebulliant
ecstatic
eerie
effervescent
effusive
elaborate
elating
elegant
eloquent
emotive
empyrean
energetic
ennobling
enticing
ethereal
evocative
exalted
excellent
exciting
exemplary
exhilarating
expressive
exquisite
extravagant

F
facund
fascinating
fiery
fine
finespun
firey
first-class
first-rate
five-star
flamboyant
flippant
flowery
forceful
forlorn

fragile
funereal

G
genteel
gentle
ghostly
glamorous
glittering
gloomy
glorious
glum
gorgeous
gossamer
graceful
gracious
grand
grandiloquent
grandiose
grief-stricken
grim
gripping

H
happy
haunting
heart-rending
heartrending
heavenly
heavyhearted
heroic

I
imaginative
impassioned
impelling
imposing
impressive
ingenious
inspirational
inspiring
intangible
intense
intoxicating
invigorating
irascible

J
Joyful
Joyous
Jubilant

K
keen

L
languid
light
light-hearted
lofty
lordly
lovely
loving
lugubrious
luxuriant
luxurious

M
magnificent
majestic
many-faceted
marvelous
meaningful
melancholy
metaphysical
mind-bending
model
momentous
monumental
morose
mournful
moving
musical
mysterious
mystical

N
neat
noble
nostalgic

O
of inexpressible
beauty
of unspeakable
beauty
of untellable
beauty
of unutterable
beauty
olympian
ominous
opulent
ornamental
ornate
ostentatious
otherworldly

P
passionate
pensive
peppery
perky
pictorial
picturesque
pithy
plaintive
playful
pleasing
poetic
poignant
polished
pompous
prime
provocative
pulchritudinous

Q
quirky

R
radiant
rapturous
rare
ravishing
recherché
refined
regal
resplendent
rich
rococo
romantic
rousing

S
sacred
sad
sensitive
sensuous
sentimental
seraphic
sexy
shadowy
shimmering
simple
softhearted
somber
sorrowful
spectral
spirited
splendid
stately

stellar
stimulating
stirring
striking
stunning
stylish
sublime
sultry
sumptuous
superb
superior
superlative
supreme
swell

T
tasteful
tempestuous
tender
tenderhearted
terrific
thought-provoking
thoughtful
thrilling
touching
transcendent
turgid

U
unearthly
uplifting

V
vehement
venerable
vivid
voluptuous

W
well-crafted
wistful
witty
wonderful
wondrous
wraithlike

Y
yearning

Z
zesty