

More poetic neologisms

A selection of the coinages made by the missionary poet John Bradburne (1921–79). For further examples and background, see my *My Life in Words: The Poetry and Thought of John Bradburne* (available through www.davidcrystal.com).

Africanbuswise

alleluiattic

alloyless

ambisexterous

anywhen

aroynting

backalong

bardbirds

becomplined

beedom

bemaze

bopeep

cuckoomerry

downalongupover

Edensong

encarolling

enisle

enpen

entemple

enwound

Gentileman

Godbirth

godlets

greenth

gypsydom

Hayday

hivebards

inbreathed

iron-oresome

Juneday

kingbabe

kinglily

logosophite

mountainscape

notsosovery

outalong

rattleploy

Romeward

rosignolique

soapsmooth

songful

Sonword

stormrain

swallowdom

swoose
thiswise
unalas
unanxious
unbacchic
unbruise
unclever
uncruel
unden
undespair
undim
undowned
undrunk
undry
undull
undumb
unforlorn
ungallop
ungay
unghastly
unglee
ungrey
unharden
unhide
unhumming
unill
unirate
unjurnalese
unknow
unlonelily
unlost
unimpossibility
unmisanthropic
unmisty
unmorose
unmourning
unodd
unoutlandish
unpanic
unpast
unpoltroon
unprogression
unregretting
unRussian
unsaddening
unsham
untelephoneous
untriumph
unupset
unweep

unwithstood

unwry

unyoung

usward

weaverdom

windwild