A Jingle of Words Elizabeth Scott Stam

Don't you love the common words In usage all the time; Words that paint a masterpiece, Words that beat a rhyme, Words that sing a melody, Words that leap and run, Words that sway a multitude, Or stir the heart of one?

Don't you love the lively words -Flicker, leap and flash, Tumble, stumble, pitch and toss, Dive, and dart and dash, Scramble, pirouette and prance, Hurtle, hurdle, fling, Waddle, toddle, trot and dance, Soar and snatch and swing?

Don't you love the lengthy words -Subterranean, Artificial, propagate, Neapolitan, Revelation, elevate, Ambidextrous, Undenominational, Simultaneous?

Don't you love the noisy words -Clatter, pop and bang, Scrape and creak and snarl and snort, Crash, and clash and clang, Crackle, cackle, yowl and yap, Snicker, snare and sneeze, Screech and bellow, slash and howl, Whistle, whine and wheeze?

Don't you love the colorful -Amber, rose and gold, Orchid, orange and cerise, Crimson, emerald, Purple, plum and lavender, Peach and Prussian blue, Turquoise, matrix, jade and jet, Hazel, honeydew? Yes, with just the common words In usage everywhere, You can capture incidents Beautiful and rare. In words you have a weapon More mighty than a gun; You can sway a multitude Or stir the heart of one.