

# THE POWER OF WORDS

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Like rifle shots which can defend -  
Or can destroy both foe and friend -  
The words we use can lead to grief -  
Or else can bolster one's belief

Words are symbols we write or speak  
To share ideas through which we seek  
Communications with another  
Be it friend, foe, sister, brother!

The meanings that, to us, are clear  
May not be what the listeners hear -  
*Each one brings meaning to each word  
Based on past usage they have heard!*

Since experiences differ  
Our words' meanings begin to blur-  
It should be no mystery why  
Communications go awry!

So good communications, then  
Should be kept simple and begin  
With clear, concise words that we know  
Are understood, not just for show!

*We use our words to truly Bless -  
(Never for trying to impress)!  
A message can be only good  
If by each one it's understood!*