

Word Choice

Connotation and Denotation

Am I confident or cocky? Dominant or am I bossy?
Will you steal my style or copy? Can you terminate or stop me?
Better pick your words carefully, choose them like you choose your friend,
Words are like some dynamite, be careful how you're using them.
I dive deep into words, no scuba gear,
Learning vocabulary, never live in fear.
Words that mean the same thing? Those are synonyms,
But even synonyms have subtle differences.
Like if I say "There's no place like home,"
You know how I feel and where I want to go.
If I say "There's no place like a residence,"
It's pretty obvious those are different sentences.
Even though both words share the same definition,
They feel different in a sentence, you better listen.
Denotation is the literal meaning,
The definition in the dictionary, but you'll be needing
The connotation, that's the emotional meaning,
It's how a word hits you and how you're feeling.
And words have subtle shades, yeah you better get exploring,
Better pick the right word, so your lines are never boring.

Pick the words, the words, pick the words I need,
Know the denotation. That's the definition, y'all see?
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Know the connotation. That's the feeling of it, got me?

The elderly man was inactive, sitting in his chair,
He was curious, looking around everywhere.
That old man was lazy, sitting in his chair,
He was nosy, looking around everywhere.
Just then, a big bird flew down,
Then bumped into the man, and knocked him to the ground.

Just then, an enormous bird flew down,
Then smacked the man, and smashed him to the ground.
With a loud sound, the bird stretched its wings,
We were calling out, "What in the world is that thing?"
With a thunderous shriek the bird stretched its wings,
We were screaming, "What in the world is that thing?"
Just then a herd of displeased bunnies,
Came out of nowhere, they looked pretty funny.
Just then an army of angry rabbits,
Came out of nowhere, I think they were rabid.

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