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The Tone List

abashed	abrasive	abusive	accepting
acerbic	acquiescent	admiring	adoring
affectionate	aghast	allusive	amused
angry	anxious	apologetic	apprehensive
approving	arch	ardent	argumentative
audacious	awe-struck	bantering	begrudging
bemused	benevolent	biting	bitter
blithe	boastful	bored	bristling
brusque	calm	candid	caressing
caustic	cavalier	childish	child-like
clipped	cold	complimentary	condescending
contemptuous	conversational	coy	critical
curt	cutting	cynical defamatory	denunciatory
despairing	detached	devil-may-care	didactic
disbelieving	discouraged	disdainful	disparaging
disrespectful	distracted	doubtful	dramatic
dreamy	dry	ecstatic	entranced
enthusiastic	eulogistic	exhilarated	exultant
facetious	fanciful	fearful	flippant
fond	forceful	frightened	ghoulish
giddy	gleeful	glum	grim
guarded	guilty	happy	harsh
haughty	heavy-hearted	hollow	horrified
humorous	hypercritical	indifferent	indulgent
ironic	irreverent	joking	joyful
languorous	languid	laudatory	light-hearted
lingering	loving	marveling	melancholy
mistrustful	mocking	mysterious	naïve
neutral	nostalgic	objective	peaceful
pessimistic	pitiful	playful	poignant
pragmatic	proud	provocative	questioning

rallying	reflective	reminiscing	reproachful
resigned	respectful	restrained	reticent
reverent	rueful	sad	sarcastic
sardonic	satirical	satisfied	seductive
self-critical	self-dramatizing	self-justifying	self-mocking
self-pitying	self-satisfied	sentimental	serious
severe	sharp	shocked	silly
sly	smug	solemn	somber
stentorian	stern	straightforward	strident
stunned	subdued	swaggering	sweet
sympathetic	taunting	tense	thoughtful
threatening	tired	touchy	trenchant
uncertain	understated	upset	urgent
vexed	vibrant	wary	whimsical
withering	wry	zealous	