

## **The Lost Boy, part IV Vocabulary**

**Alcove:** a small opening or section of a room set back from the rest of it.

**Amort:** being close to death.

**Caulky:** Caulk is used to fill in a gap, made of tarred fiber such as hemp.

**Ceaseless:** constant and unending.

**Cellar:** a room below ground used for storage, like a basement.

**Cipher:** a person of no importance.

**Desolation:** a state of loneliness or emptiness.

**Dreary:** depressing or dull

**Drowsy:** slow in coming.

**Enchanted:** having a magical quality.

**Exile:** to be removed from one's home.

**Exultant:** to be filled with happiness.

**Flanges:** a projecting object used for strength such as a wheel.

**Gable:** section of a building exterior, usually triangular, where two parts of a roof meet.

**Immense:** very larger or great.

**Integrity:** the state of being whole.

**Interurban line:** a type of streetcar or trolley connecting parts of a town.

**Kernel:** the inner or central part.

**Kinsman:** relatives, members of a family group.

**Livid:** very angry.

**Monotone:** unchanging, having the sameness in color.

**Mottled:** having spots or patches of color.

**Rampart:** a wall-like ridge or barrier.

**Raven:** glossy shiny black in color.

**Relapsing:** becoming less active.

**Rubbish:** trash or waste

**Sharp-visaged:** stylish in appearance.

**Slate:** a stone grayish tile used for roofs.

**Sodden:** soaked through with water.

**Sprawled:** spread out over a large area in an untidy or unorganized way

**Sultry:** damp and sticky, humid.

**Swelter:** to be uncomfortably hot.

**Tarry:** covered with tar.

**Thicket:** tangled like a thick growth of bushes

**Turret:** a small tower usually at the top or corner of a building.

**Typhoid:** a serious bacterial infection usually from contaminated food.

**Wretched:** in an unhappy state.

**Visceral:** a gut feeling, instinctive or deep.