Give me odorous at sunrise a garden of beautiful flowers where I can walk undisturbed – Walt Whitman

Keep your face always toward the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you – Walt Whitman

Flowers are words even a baby can understand – Quentin Crisp

When you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it’s your world for the moment – Georgia O’Keefe

I found I could say things with color and shapes that I couldn’t say any other way, things I had no words for – Georgia O’Keefe

Like a Hyacinth in the mountains that shepherd crushes under foot – Sappho

Girls, all night long, might sing of the love between you and the bride with violets in her lap – Sappho

With freedom, books, flowers, and the moon, who could not be happy? – Oscar Wilde

A flower blossoms for its own joy – Oscar Wilde

My sweet rose, my delicate flower, my lily of lilies, it is perhaps in prison that I am going to test the power of love – Oscar Wilde

Green Carnation – the flower Oscar Wilde once wore and has since become an LGBT symbol

Calla Lily – The flower most recognised in Georgia O’Keefe’s paintings. Also a flower of choice by Robert Mapplethorpe

Violet – The flower of choice as Sappho’s gift to her lovers

Hyacinth – Often referred to in Sappho’s poetry but also more widely as an LGBT flower of choice

Lavender – Often referred to, even moreso by its colour, as an LGBT symbol

Pansy – both a derogatory term and one reclaimed for its beauty as a signifier of LGBT people

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Other, more recent, flowers of choice for LGBT people.

Red Hot Pokers

Birds of Paradise