

Esperanza Rising Vocabulary – Chapter One

draped – hung or arranged in folds

arbors – frame for training plants, trellis

tendrils – thin plant part, delicate twist or coil

incline – slope or slant

swell – increase in size

resounding – clear, full of sound

scythes – tool for cutting or pruning

clusters - bunches

reaping – harvesting, getting the results of something

acres – a unit of area equal to 43,560

presentation - demonstration

anticipated – expect something

bouquets – bunch of flowers

vicious – mean and violent

premonition – thinking something is going to happen

serenaded - sang

porcelain - ceramic

camisoles – woman's top underwear (like the top of a slip)

massive – very big

adobe – brick made of clay and straw

superstition – false fear

precisely - exactly

versions – varieties

pervaded - saturated

melodic – musical

anguish – sorrowing, sorrow

candelabra – candle holder, lamp sticks

cordial friendly

methodically - regularly

encroaching - intruding

composure – calm, self-control