Dandelions

Dandelion flowers often grow in wild grass along roadsides or on sunny hillsides, but they can grow anywhere there is a small crack in the ground. Dandelions are a herbaceous plant, with a straight, smooth stem, and leaves low to the ground that are tough and almost stubborn. Dandelion flowers are white, yellow, and, in some places, even purple, and the head is spherical with petals that fly when the wind blows and carry its seeds on the wind. Opening and closing at certain times of the day, dandelion flowers have long been a shepherd's companion – a natural clock that signals the time.

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Though a wild plant, the dandelion has long been a panacea in the treatment of breast cancer, stomach disorders, and muscle pain. Beyond its practical uses, the flower also conveys a great deal of meaning. The petals flying in the wind symbolise dreams of flying far away, of pure love, and of faith in love and reunion. The petals are also sometimes used as a fortune-teller by unrequited lovers, who play the game of "he loves me, he loves me not".

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