

The Varieties of Human Weeping

You can cry
because of hurt:
the shriek of pain.

You can cry
without hope:
the wail of
despair.

You can cry
out of fear:
the sting of
fright.

You can cry
over a loss:
the wound of
separation.

You can cry
from repentance:
the bite of
remorse.

You can cry
in face of death:
the dirge of
mourning.

But you can also cry
over a new life,
a new love,
a new chance:
the tears of joy!

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