

# The English Schwa

[ə (ɪ/ɛ)] <i>en, ed</i>	[ə (ɛ)] <i>es, ent</i>	[ə (ʊ)] vowel + <i>l</i>	[ə (ɔ)] <i>or</i>	[ə (æ)] <i>a</i>	[ə (ʌ)] <i>o</i> and <i>u</i>	[ə (ɑ/ʌ)] Final <i>a</i>	[ə (ʌ)] <i>er</i> (formal)	[ə (ɜ)] <i>er</i> (informal)
blessed	ancient	angel	anchor	constant	beauteous	alleluia	answer	answer
broken	ardent	apple	comfort	curtain	blossom	aria	gather	gather
faded	branches	cruel	doctor	distant	common	Asia	hither	hither
fallen	dearest	crystal	favor	England	creation	aurora	laughter	laughter
forgotten	endless	dismal	harbor	fountain	fortune	China	lovers	lovers
garden	forest	eternal	honor	fragrant	gracious	formula	mother	mother
given	fortress	gentle	languor	image	Jesus	gloria	nature	nature
golden	harvest	humble	mirror	infant	kingdom	idea	neither	neither
heaven	judgment	marble	sailor	language	motion	Laura	river	river
lifted	kisses	mortal	Savior	mountains	passion	opera	slumber	slumber
listen	moment	noble	terror	palace	phantom	Sarah	summer	summer
maiden	patient	people	traitor	pleasant	reason	stanza	tender	tender
sacred	present	travel	vapor	thousand	welcome	umbrella	whisper	whisper
women	sweetness	troubled	vigor	woman	wondrous	Victoria	wonder	wonder

The IPA in parenthesis indicates a weakened version of the full vowel sound

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