dispirited, adj.

**Pronunciation:** /drɪˈspɪrɪtd/

**Etymology:** < DISPIRIT v. + -ED suffix.

†1. Deprived of its essential quality or vigour; destitute of spirit or animation, spiritless. *Obs.*

- 1660 H. HAMMOND *Wks.* IV. Pref. (R.), Religious offices..degenerating into heartless dispirited recitations.
- 1699 B. E. *New Dict. Canting Crew*, *Pall’d, Flat, Dispirited, or Dead Drink.*
- 1740 H. BRACKEN *Farriery Improv’d* (ed. 2) II. v. 111 The Blood becomes so viscid, poor, and dispirited.
- 1758 C. WHITWORTH *Acct. Russia* 5 The Laplanders and Samoiedes being too heavy and dispirited.

2. Cast into or characterized by low spirits; discouraged, disheartened, dejected.

- 1717 POPE *Corr.* 27 Nov. (1956) I. 455 My Mother is in that disspirited State of Resignation.
- 1852 H. B. STOWE *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* II. xxxii. 177 He turned back and caught a glance at the dispirited faces behind him.

**DERIVATIVES**

diˈspiritedly adv.

- 1889 *Temple Bar* Feb. 186, ‘I do not know’..said the lad dispiritedly.
dispiritedness n.

1654 E. WOLLEY tr. G. de Scudéry Curia Politiae 175 A defatigation and dispiritedness will accompany that oppression.

1673 H. STUBBE Justif. War Netherlands 4 The decay of Trade, the dispiritedness of the English.

1733 G. CHEYNE Eng. Malady II. ix. 208 Opiates..when their Force is worn off..leave a Lowness, Dispiritedness, and Anxiety.