



GREAT NORTH AMERICAN

ECLIPSE

It Sounded As If the Streets Were Running Emily Dickinson, 1891

It sounded as if the streets were running,
And then – the streets stood still –
Eclipse – was all we could see at the Window
And Awe – was all we could feel.

By and by – the boldest stole out of his Covert,
To see if Time was there –
Nature was in an Opal Apron,
Mixing fresher Air.

- 1. Define personification and give one example of how it was used in this poem:**
- 2. Based on the context of this poem, what do you think the word “covert” means?**
 - A. A cave that is used to hide secret treasures
 - B. A thicket in which game can hide
 - C. A secret kept by a spy
 - D. A den used by thieves
- 3. Look at a picture of an opal. Why do you think that Dickinson chose to have nature wear an opal apron?**



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DOUBLE PUZZLE

CRACK THE SCRAMBLED CODE! UNJUMBLE EACH WORD, SOME FROM DICKINSON'S VERSES AND SOME RELATED TO HER LIFE. THEN, SLIDE EACH NUMBERED LETTER INTO ITS RIGHTFUL BOX BELOW TO REVEAL A FAMOUS QUOTE BY DICKINSON.

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