



On Wings of Words

THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF EMILY DICKINSON

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To the mystery that is Emily —J. B.
For Mom and Dad —B. S.

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*It reaches to the Fence—
It wraps it, Rail by Rail,
Till it is lost in Fleeces—
It flings a Crystal Veil*

In a little room—in the dark before dawn—

a baby girl was born,

Her parents celebrated the holiday

they called Emily.





Emily met the world, And began to explore,

To little Emily, every bird, every flower, every bee
or breeze or slant of light seemed to speak to her,

She explored with her eyes, her ears, her thoughts—

and found new words for
everything she was discovering.

