Emily Dickinson
1830 – 1886

“When she went upstairs and closed the door,
    she mastered life by rejecting it.”

- Amherst, Massachusetts
- the “Belle of Amherst”
- Lengthy correspondence with Thomas Higginson, an influential literary figure
- Author of some 1,775 poems
- Only seven poems were published in her lifetime (all anonymously and some against her wishes)
- Charles Wadsworth, a minister, was Dickinson’s love; he did not reciprocate her love
- After Wadsworth left for San Francisco, she took to dressing entirely in white
- a self-exiled recluse
- Final words upon her death bed: “I must go in, the fog is rising.”

Major Themes:

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Additional Notes: