

I tell you what I see. The Landscape of the Spirit requires a lung, but  
no Tongue. I hold you few I love, till my heart is red as Febuary and  
purple as March.

Hand for the Doctor.

Emily.

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ing.

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LH 73, in part.

ED's cousin Perez Cowan was a senior in Amherst College. "The light  
that never was, on sea or land" is from William Wordsworth's *Elegiac  
Stanzas*. ED has placed a "1" over *sea* and a "2" over *land*.

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To T. W. Higginson

early 1866

Dear friend.

Whom my Dog understood could not elude others.

I should be glad to see you, but think it an apparitional pleasure -  
not to be fulfilled. I am uncertain of Boston.

I had promised to visit my Physician for a few days in May, but  
Father objects because he is in the habit of me.

Is it more far to Amherst?

You would find a minute Host but a spacious Welcome -

Lest you meet my Snake and suppose I deceive it was robbed of  
me - defeated too of the third line by the punctuation. The third and  
fourth were one - I had told you I did not print - I feared you might  
think me ostensible. If I still entreat you to teach me, are you much  
displeased?

I will be patient - constant, never reject your knife and should  
my my [sic] slowness goad you, you knew before myself that

Except the smaller size  
No lives are round -  
These - hurry to a sphere  
And show and end -

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The larger - slower grow  
And later hang -  
The Summers of Hesperides  
Are long.

Dickinson

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in part; LL 268-269, in part; L 281-282, entire, with facsimile reproduc-  
tion of part, facing page 282. There is no stanza break in this version.

ED enclosed one poem in the letter: "A Death blow is a Life blow to  
some," together with a clipping of "The Snake" from the 17 February issue  
of the *Springfield Weekly Republican*. This replies to a letter from Hig-  
ginson which expressed a desire to see her, and evidently called her "elu-  
sive." In the opening sentence it is to herself that she refers as "Whom."  
Her poem "A narrow Fellow in the Grass" appeared in both the *Daily*  
and the *Weekly Republican* during the week of the seventeenth (a Satur-  
day). The full account of the publication is in *Poems* (1955) 713-714.  
But see also the correction noted by John L. Spicer in *Boston Public  
Library Quarterly* VIII (July 1956) 135-143.

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To T. W. Higginson

9 June 1866

Dear friend

Please to thank the Lady. She is very gentle to care.

I must omit Boston. Father prefers so. He likes me to travel with  
him but objects that I visit.

Might I entrust you, as my Guest to the Amherst Inn? When I  
have seen you, to improve will be better pleasure because I shall know  
which are the mistakes.

Your opinion gives me a serious feeling. I would like to be what  
you deem me.

Thank you, I wish for Carlo.

Time is a test of trouble  
But not a remedy -

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