

Time Travel, Emily Dickinson, and the Sea

Poem 656 by Emily Dickinson says,

I started Early – Took my Dog – And visited the Sea – The Mermaids in the Basement Came out to look at me –

But no Man moved Me – till the Tide Went past my simple Shoe – And past my Apron – and my Belt And past my Boddice – too –

And made as He would eat me up – As wholly as a Dew

In response to Ms. Emily Dickinson My past self might have replied -

I grabbed a leash and called my dog And jogged out the sea It crashed and roared and devoured my tracks But it never captured me!

And Ms. Dickinson's immortal poem Would still speak to Future Me-Who would peer back through the swirls time And still race the hungry sea.

My gleaming amphibious hover car zoomed from sky into the sea I sped past seals, and whales, and snapping sharks It was still a wonderful place to be!

COMMENTS

I live by the Oregon coast. The ebb and flow of the tide is like a call and response. When I read, "I started early, took my dog, and visited the sea," by Emily Dickinson, I immediately could relate to it. In the poem, she goes on to compare the swirling ocean to pearls spilling out of her shoes.

And He – He followed – close behind – I felt His Silver Heel
Opon my Ancle – Then My Shoes
Would overflow with Pearl –

I could imagine, smell, and taste the scene. The poem was like a call that immediately created a response in my mind in verse.

My poem is intended to illustrate that Emily Dickinson is an immortal poet. Her words were meaningful to both my past and imagined future selves. Her words will resonate with people for all ages, past and future.

CREDITS

Notari, Carrie. Emily Dickinson: Capacious as the Sea Collage.

https://www.saatchiart.com/art/Collage-Emily-Dickinson-Capacious-as-the-Sea/1217845/8997031/view

Horner, Celeste (2019). Austin running at the beach.

Horner, Austin (2022). Happy Family in Space.



Mystery Man

My face is a ghost.

You don't know who I am.

Son of Man, my image is called.

The forbidden apple swallows the eater.

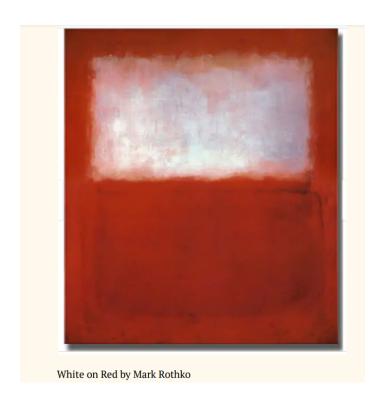
Every secret in the universe

Reveals itself in part

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

COMMENTS

I was studying this piece of surrealist art, Son of Man, by Rene Magritte. As I jotted down ideas about it, I noticed that I was accidentally making a word. So I took up the challenge to finish an acrostic poem about it. The poem observes that in life, there will always be mysteries!



Paint by Numbers

COMMENT. This syllable experiment non-haiku is a non-poem in response to an artist who dared to paint a canvas all one color or two. It sold for millions of dollars. That's not art! Or was it? It was shocking. But color has great symbolism. Is it fire and snow? But Emily Dickinson said that red was fire's common tint. True passion was white hot. This poem is meaningful to me because I am interested in art and iconoclastic, pioneering creators. I like Japanese culture including anime and haiku.

KEEP GOING ARROW

GO!

EXCELLENT!
KEEP IT UP! MORE!

YOU ARE DOING GREAT!

GO THIS WAY. YOU ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK. **KEEP GOING!** DON'T GIVE UP! **TURN THE PAGE! GREAT JOB!** YOU CAN DO IT! IT'S YOUR TIME TO SHINE! **THIS IS GOING TO WORK!** DO IT NOW! **TODAY IS GOING TO BE A GREAT DAY!** HAVE FUN! THIS IS A **BRILLIANT IDEA!** AWESOME!

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS! **BEST EVER!** YOU GOT THIS! IT'S ON!

COMMENTS

This concrete poem is an arrow of encouragement! It's meaningful Because life is uncertain and it helps to have positive thoughts to give us energy to keep moving forward.