



## EMILY DICKINSON

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### For every Bird a nest – (Fr86, J143)

For every Bird a Nest –  
Wherefore in timid quest  
Some little Wren goes seeking round –

5      Wherefore when boughs are free,  
Households in every tree,  
Pilgrim be found?

Perhaps a home too high –  
Ah aristocracy!  
The little Wren desires –

10     Perhaps of twig so fine –  
Of twine e'en superfine,  
Her pride aspires –

15     The Lark is not ashamed  
To build upon the ground  
Her modest house –

Yet who of all the throng  
Dancing around the sun  
Does so rejoice?



c. summer 1859

