

## EMILY DICKINSON

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### Nature – the Gentlest Mother is

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Impatient of no Child –  
The feeblest – or the Waywardest –  
Her Admonition mild –

5 In Forest – and the Hill –  
By Traveller – be heard –  
Restraining Rampant Squirrel –  
Or too impetuous Bird –

How fair Her Conversation –  
10 A Summer Afternoon –  
Her Household – Her Assembly –  
And when the Sun go down –

Her Voice among the Aisles  
Incite the timid prayer  
15 Of the minutest Cricket –  
The most unworthy Flower –

When all the Children sleep –  
She turns as long away  
As will suffice to light Her lamps –  
20 Then bending from the Sky –

With infinite Affection –  
And infiniter Care –  
Her Golden finger on Her lip –  
Wills Silence – Everywhere –

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Nature - the gentlest Mother is,  
 Impatient of no Child.  
 The "gentle" - or the Coarse.  
 Her Admonition mild:  
 In Forest - and the Hill.  
 To Traveller - or heard  
 Restraining Rampant Squirrel  
 Or too impetuous Bird.

Her calm Her Conversation -  
 A Summer Argosy.  
 Her Household - Her Assembly.  
 And when the Sun goes down.

Her Voice among the Chickens  
 And the timid Pigeon  
 Of the minutest Chickens -  
 The most lowly, Sore.

When all the Children sleep -  
 She turns as long and  
 As our supper is eaten  
 Her Lamp.  
 Then "ending from the Sky -  
 With ingenuit Affection -  
 And ingenuit Care -  
 Her Golden fingers in the Air -  
 With Silence - everywhere.

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No Prisoner is.  
 When Liberty -  
 Himself - arises with The.

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