

## EMILY DICKINSON

1830-1886



### A Single Clover Plank (Fr1297, J1343)

A Single Clover Plank  
Was all that saved a Bee  
A Bee I personally knew  
From sinking in the sky —

5 Twixt Firmament above  
And Firmament below  
The Billows of Circumference  
Were sweeping him away —

The idly swaying Plank  
10 Responsible to nought  
A sudden Freight of Wind assumed  
And Bumble Bee was not —

This harrowing event  
Transpiring in the Grass  
15 Did not so much as wring from him  
A wandering “Alas” —

c. 1873

### To make a prairie it takes a clover and one bee (Fr1779, J1755)

To make a prairie it takes a clover and one bee,  
One clover, and a bee,  
And revery.  
The revery alone will do,  
5 If bees are few.

Undated/1896

