

# FAVORITE POEMS TAMUK

## APPARENTLY WITH NO SURPRISE

Emily Dickinson, 1830-1886

*Emily Dickinson is no stranger when it comes to writing about life and death along with the mysteries that come with them, and this poem in particular, is my favorite of hers. She goes on about the inevitability of death and its swiftness in this poem, with the example of a flower being conquered by the frost. I like her message that death is something that you cannot avoid because you can turn it into a message about living your life to the fullest of your capabilities. It is a part of life, and without it, life would not have the meaning it does.*

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Apparently with no surprise  
To any happy Flower,  
The Frost beheads it at its play--  
In accidental power--  
The blond Assassin passes on--  
The Sun proceeds unmoved  
To measure off another Day  
for an Approving God.

*from Dickinson, Emily, and Johnson, Thomas, ed., The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson. Boston: Back Bay Books, Little, Brown and Co., 1997. 677-678.*