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Remains to him unknown --

The Banquet of Abstemiousness

Defaces that of Wine --

Within its reach, though yet ungrasped

Desire's perfect Goal --

No nearer -- lest the Actual --

Should disentrall thy soul --

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Emily Dickinson (1830-1886) was an American poet. Born at the Homestead in Amherst, Massachusetts on December 10, 1830 into a prominent, but not opulent family. she lived a mostly introverted and reclusive life. After being schooled at the Amherst Academy for seven years in her youth, she spent a short time at Mount Holyoke...

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