A Narrow Fellow in the Grass

By Emily Dickinson

A narrow Fellow in the Grass Occasionally rides -You may have met him? Did you not His notice instant is -

The Grass divides as with a Comb, A spotted Shaft is seen, And then it closes at your Feet And opens further on -

He likes a Boggy Acre -A Floor too cool for Corn -But when a Boy and Barefoot I more than once at Noon

Have passed I thought a Whip Lash Unbraiding in the Sun When stooping to secure it It wrinkled And was gone -

Several of Nature's People I know, and they know me I feel for them a transport Of Cordiality

But never met this Fellow Attended or alone Without a tighter Breathing And Zero at the Bone.

Emily Dickinson, "A Narrow Fellow in the Grass" from *The Poems of Emily Dickinson: Variorum Edition*, Ralph W. Franklin, ed., Cambridge, Mass.: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, Copyright © 1998 by the President and Fellows of Harvard College. Copyright © 1951, 1955, 1979, 1983 by the President and Fellows of Harvard College.

Source: The Poems of Emily Dickinson: Variorum Edition (Harvard University Press, 1998)