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CHAPTER 7
A DAY
(EMILY DICKINSON)

NOTES

SUBSTANCE

The poem 'A Day' has been written by *Emily Dickinson*. It is an *allegorical* poem. The poem has been told in the perspective of an innocent young child who forms his own conclusion about the sun rise and sun set.

The first stanza symbolises the rising of the sun, the scenery of the early morning.

The second stanza describes the child's view of sunset. Sunset here depicts the end of the day or end of life. The whole poem is to show how fascinating the world is, if we look at it through innocent eyes.

The poem is a *metaphor* symbolising *life* and *death*.

POETIC DEVICE USED IN THE POEM

Alliteration:

- ✚ 'Steeple swam'
- ✚ 'Bobolinks begun'
- ✚ 'Were climbing all the while'

Simile:

- ✚ "The news like squirrels ran"

Metaphor:

- ✚ 'Sun Rays'
- ✚ 'Life and death'