

A Thunderstorm

Getting Started

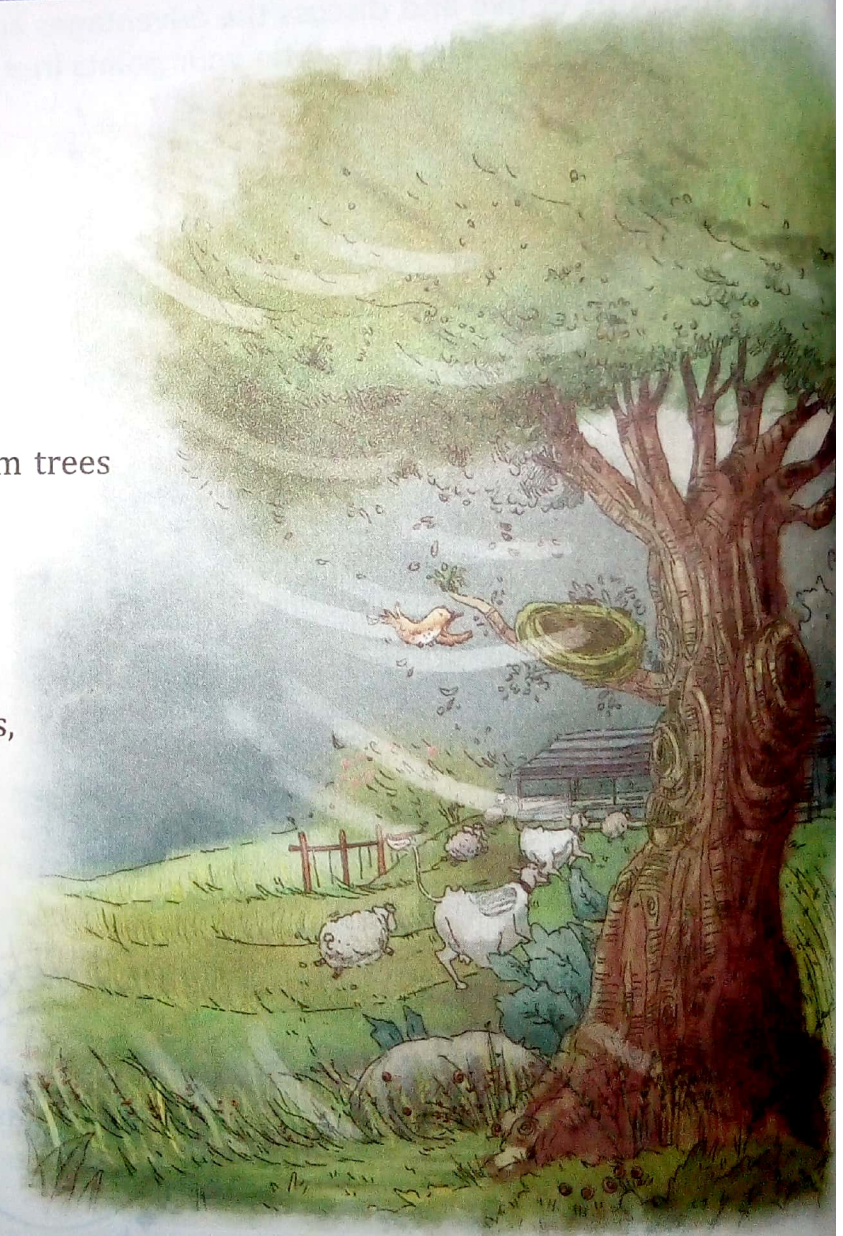
- * Have you ever been caught in a storm? Was it on your way to school or on a trip to some holiday destination? Share your experience with the class.

The wind begun to rock the grass
With threatening tunes and low,—
He flung a **menace** at the earth,
A menace at the sky.

The leaves unhooked themselves from trees
And started all abroad;
The dust did **scoop** itself like hands
And throw away the road.

The wagons quickened on the streets,
The thunder hurried slow;
The lightning showed a yellow beak,
And then a **livid** claw.

The birds put up the bars to nests,
The cattle fled to **barns**;
There came one drop of giant rain,
And then, as if the hands



That held the dams had parted hold,
The waters **wrecked** the sky,
But overlooked my father's house,
Just **quartering** a tree.

—Emily Dickinson



About the Poet

Emily Dickinson was born on 10 December 1830 in Amherst, Massachusetts. Some of her other famous poems include *A Bird came down the Walk*, and *Because I could not stop for Death*. Emily Dickinson died on 15 May 1886 from Bright's disease.

Words to Know

menace something that is likely to cause harm

scoop to gather

livid extremely angry

barns a farm in which animals or hay and grain are kept

wrecked badly damaged

quartering one of four equal parts

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EXPLANATION

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A short summary of the poem 'A Thunderstorm', by Emily Dickinson.

In the poem 'A Thunderstorm', Emily Dickinson depicts the scene created by a thunderstorm.

First a strong wind begins to blow rocking the grass. Dark clouds gather in the sky. Casting threatening shadows on the earth and the sky.

The strong wind ~~blows~~ severs leaves attached to the trees, and they are blown here and there, similarly, dust and sand are also blown into the air and get scattered on the roads and almost everywhere.

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The wagons and vehicles on the road also feel the impact of the thunderstorm, though their speed is lessened, but they are buffeted by the strong wind. Then the lightning flashes in the sky showing its yellow beak and blue claws.

Birds take shelter in ~~there~~ their nests, animals hide themselves in barns. Then the rain begins. First of all a big drop falls, followed by torrent. It appears as if the hands that were holding a dam had let the water flow. The dam appeared to be in the back-drop of here father's house that had a tree in its lawn.

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