

Not In Vain

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain:
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

- *Emily Dickinson*

Questions:

Research and Discussion Questions

Why do we help others?

How do you feel when you help another?

QUESTIONS

1. Complete the passage below.

**List: actions, appreciate, encounters, experiences,
learned, moments**

Emily Dickinson's poem, "*Not in Vain*" encourages the reader to _____ the small _____ and seemingly insignificant _____. The poem shows that all _____ have consequences and all _____ have lessons to be _____.

2. What is the theme of this poem?

3. What is the purpose of the poem?

4. What is the tone of this poem?

5. What should the writer like to do?

6. What is meant by the phrase "*live in vain*"?

7. What is the writer try to convey when he states "*fainting robin*"?

8. What does the writer encourage us to do"?

9. Visualization Activity: Draw someone helping another.