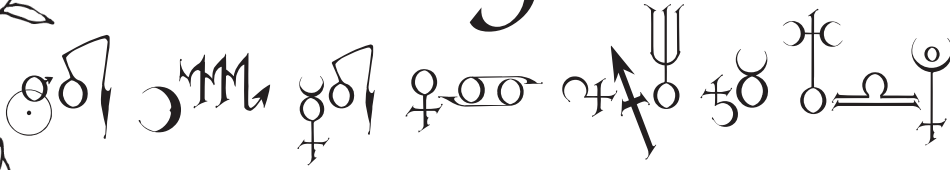


Emily



The endless gray that Wednesday morning,
Suddenly split open without warning,
And in the narrow crack of cloud –
Sunlight entered fields bowed.

Like her assertive pertinent questions,
Summer love without conditions,
Imagination expanding discovery –
Time turning magic memory.

Creative wonder the growing season,
Seeking out uncharted regions –
Secretive confident clear thinking,
Going somewhere never blinking.

First love family sisters home,
Friends ensure never alone –
And if practicality she should add,
Can lead us from a world gone mad.