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### **“Hope” is the Thing with Feathers**

*“and I pray that Christ will make his home in your hearts through faith. I pray that you may have your roots and foundation in love” Ephesians 3:17*

Today’s message of Hope was written in 1862 by the Poet Emily Dickinson and was number 314 of approximately 1800 written by her. As I researched this poem I learned that she never titled her individual works and that she only ever had 7 pieces published prior to her death in 1886. It is felt that her writings were not widely accepted until many years later when scholars started to understand the imagery she was using.

I also came across the following analysis written in September of 2020 by Andrew Spacey ““Hope” Is The Thing With Feathers is one of the best known of Emily Dickinson's poems. An extended metaphor, it likens the concept of hope to a feathered bird that is permanently perched in the soul of every human. There it sings, never stopping in its quest to inspire.’

#### **“Hope” is the thing with feathers -314**

BY EMILY DICKINSON

“Hope” is the thing with feathers -  
That perches in the soul -  
And sings the tune without the words -  
And never stops - at all -

And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -  
And sore must be the storm -  
That could abash the little Bird  
That kept so many warm -

I’ve heard it in the chilliest land -  
And on the strangest Sea -  
Yet - never - in Extremity,  
It asked a crumb - of me.

Hope be with you,  
[Lori Hyatt](#)

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