

## EXAMPLE MIMETIC POETRY

I have borrowed another teacher's (Mara Neill's) example of mimesis and pasted it on the next page. The first poem is Emily Dickinson's; the second poem is a mimesis paying tribute to it.

Here is an example of poetry imitation with words in common bolded:

### Emily Dickinson

I hide **myself within** my flower,  
**That wearing on** your breast,  
**You, unsuspecting,** wear **me** too—  
And angels **know the** rest.  
I hide **myself within** my flower,  
**That,** fading from your vase,  
**You, unsuspecting,** feel for me  
Almost a **loneliness**.

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### Scarves

*imitation of Emily Dickinson*

I drape **myself with** scarves  
**That wearing on** my shoulders,  
**You, unsuspecting,** think **me** chic—  
But I **know the** truth.  
I drape **myself with** scarves,  
**That** wrap me, protect me,  
And **you, unsuspecting,** do not know  
I am **lonely** too.

Neill, Mara. "Mimesis." *Creative Writing*. Evanston Township High School: District 202, 2011.

Web. 26 Apr. 2012. <[http://sp.eths.k12.il.us/neillm/creative\\_writing/default.aspx](http://sp.eths.k12.il.us/neillm/creative_writing/default.aspx)>.

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Here is another example:

William Carlos Williams' poem "This is Just to Say" is oft emulated. Here is a link to its text:

<http://www.poets.org/viewmedia.php/prmMID/15535>

And, here is a link to a poet's work, paying homage to Williams' famous poem:

<http://wonderingminstrels.blogspot.com/1999/11/variations-on-theme-by-william-carlos.html>

See if you can find other examples of this type of mimesis online. If you find any good ones, be sure to share them with the rest of the class!