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'As Imperceptibly as Grief' by Emily Dickinson

Summarise what the poem is about in full sentences:

Annotate the poem with points you can remember from your initial study:

As imperceptibly as Grief
The Summer lapsed away —
Too imperceptible at last
To seem like Perfidy —
5 A Quietness distilled
As Twilight long begun,
Or Nature spending with herself
Sequestered Afternoon —
The Dusk drew earlier in —
10 The Morning foreign shone —
A courteous, yet harrowing Grace,
As Guest, that would be gone —
And thus, without a Wing
Or service of a Keel
15 Our Summer made her light escape
Into the Beautiful.

Complete the following questions on context:

- 1) Why is it important to know that several members of her family and friends died before she wrote this poem?
- 2) How was she impacted by her grief?
- 3) How is grief shown in the poem?

Complete each analytical verb with a different idea:

- Emily Dickinson may have written the poem:
- to criticise
 - to teach
 - to warn
 - to reveal the importance of
 - to celebrate

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Annotate the following quotations by answering the questions for each:

- 1) What does the line mean?
- 2) What does the line suggest?
- 3) How has Dickinson used language to present her grief?

'As Imperceptibly as Grief'

'Twilight long begun'

'Without a wing'

*'Summer made her light/
escape into the beautiful'*

How does Emily Dickinson present the idea of time passing?

Answer in full sentences.