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Emily Dickinson Got Me Thinking (About God)



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1
I saw a bobcat bathing in the middle of a path. She
looked
up at me with black eyes, and puffed her tail. I got
anxious,
yelled, *I love you kitty!* She ran off.

2
My cousin and I were smoking a joint at Thousand Steps
in Laguna Beach, when a humpback whale breached
high above the water, then vanished back into the sea.

3
I was kayaking topless at Santa Margarita Lake,
and without warning, a white-headed eagle
swooped beside me. I screamed, and held both breasts.

4
As I was cooling my sister's forehead with a damp cloth,
her son was pulled from her vagina.
Misty blood blew into the air.

5
I dreamt I was drinking tea with Emily Dickinson.
She whispered,
the mushroom is the elf of plants.

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