

“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 bash that little Bird
That kept so many warm -

I’ve heard it in the chillest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet never have I heard it ask,
For even a crumb off me.

What might hope look like?

- In the poem, Emily Dickinson thinks Hope is a bird
(a metaphor for hope)
- It perches in the soul and never stops singing
(hope lives inside all of us)
- Even in a storm (hard times) the bird keeps singing
(there is always hope)
- She ends the poem by saying that it never asks for anything in return (personification)

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- They are different to concrete nouns, which are people, places and things. You can touch, see, hear, smell and taste them.

COMMON ABSTRACT NOUNS

Ability
Adoration
Advantage
Adventure
Amazement
Anger
Annoyance
Anxiety
Awareness
Beauty
Belief
Bravery
Brilliance
Calm
Care
Chaos
Charity
Childhood
Clarity
Coldness
Comfort



Compassion
Confidence
Confusion
Curiosity
Death
Dedication
Defeat
Delay
Dishonesty
Divorce
Dream
Education
Elegance
Envy
Evil
Failure
Faith
Fascination
Fear
Fiction
Freedom

Friendship
Generation
Goal
Gossip
Growth
Happiness
Hate
Hatred
Hope
Horror
Hurt
Idea
Infancy
Inflation
Intelligence
Irritation
Joy
Justice
Kindness
Liberty
Lie



Life
Loneliness
Loss
Love
Luck
Luxury
Maturity
Mercy
Movement
Need
Opinion
Opportunity
Pain
Patience
Peace
Pleasure
Poverty
Power
Pride
Relief
Riches

Right
Rumour / Rumor
Sacrifice
Satisfaction
Self-control
Service
Shock
Silliness
Skill
Sleep
Sorrow
Success
Surprise
Talent
Trend
Trust
Victory
Weakness
Wealth
Wisdom
Worry