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DO NOW: Complete the second reading of a SOAR Protocol for Poetry

Hope is a thing with feathers

by Emily Dickinson

Hope is the thing with feathers

That perches¹ in the soul,

And sings the tune without the words,

And never stops at all,

HOPE IS LIKE A SINGING BIRD,
SITTING IN YOUR SOUL

And sweetest in the gale² is heard;

And sore must be the storm

That could abash³ the little bird

That kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chillest land,

And on the strangest sea;

Yet, never, in extremity⁴,

It asked a crumb⁵ of me.

¹ **perches**: sits as on a tree branch

² **gale**: wind storm

³ **abash**: embarrass

⁴ **extremity**: an extreme situation (usually someone who needs something desperately)

⁵ **asked a crumb**: begged for help

Part 1: Summarize the poem

1. **Summarize each section I have separated for you (I modeled the first one for you)**
2. **Identify a theme: What does this poem say about human beings?**

My notes from Reading One:

Title: In what ways is Hope like a bird?

Tensions:

- Hope vs. storm/gale/chill
- Warm vs. chill
- Singing vs. giving up

Write Your Theme Here: