HOPE IS THE THING WITH FEATHERS

by Emily Dickinson

"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 abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -

I've heard it in the chillest land And on the strangest Sea Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.

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