

**Directions:** Read and annotate the poem by Emily Dickson. Focus your annotations on her writing strategies and the purpose.



### **The Soul selects her own Society (303)**

**Emily Dickinson, 1830 - 1886**

The Soul selects her own Society —

Then — shuts the Door —

To her divine Majority —

Present no more —

Unmoved — she notes the Chariots — pausing —

At her low Gate —

Unmoved — an Emperor be kneeling

Upon her Mat —

I've known her — from an ample nation —

Choose One —

Then — close the Valves of her attention —

Like Stone —

**Purpose/Central Message:**