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TO MR. WILLIAM AUSTIN DICKINSON

It might not come amiss, dear Austin, to have a tiding or two concerning our state and feelings. Our state is pretty comfortable, and our feelings are somewhat solemn. We are rather a crestfallen company, what with the sighing wind, the sobbing rain, and the whining of Nature.

We are enjoying this evening what is called a 'northeast storm'—a little north of east in case you are pretty definite. Father thinks it's 'amazin' raw,' and I'm half disposed to think that he's in the right about it, though I keep pretty dark and don't say much about it!

Vinnie is at the instrument, humming a pensive air concerning a young lady who thought she was 'almost there.' Vinnie seems much grieved, and I really suppose I ought to betake myself to weeping; I'm pretty sure that I *shall* if she don't abate her singing.

—Emily Dickinson

For my very dear childhood friend, with whom I share many of my happiest memories, Ann Newman, with much love

A Northeast Storm

for Soprano and Piano

Emily Dickinson

Juliana Hall

(b. 1958)

A Light-Hearted Melodrama (♩ = 76)

3 *mp* *mf* *mp*
It

5 *Freely*
might not come a - miss, dear Aus - tin,
Freely
Ped. * *Ped.* * *Ped.* *

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7 **A Tempo** *mp*

to have a tid - ing or two con -

A Tempo *p*

11

cern - ing our state and feel - ings.

14 *mp*

Our state is pret - ty com - fort - a - ble,

p

18 *mp*

and our feel - ings are some - what

mf *p*

Poco Rit. ----- A Tempo

21 *p* *mp*

sol - - - emn. We are rath - er a

Poco Rit. ----- A Tempo

p *mp*

Poco Rit. ----- ♩ = 92-96

24 *mf* *mp*

crest - fall - en com - pa - ny,

Poco Rit. ----- ♩ = 92-96

mf *mp* *p*