

## HUMOR



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Emily Dickinson's To-Do List (1996)

*Sum -Sum-Summertime*

*Monday*

Figure out what to wear -- white dress?

Put hair in bun  
Bake gingerbread for Sue  
Peer out window at passersby  
Write poem  
Hide poem

*Tuesday*

White dress? Off-white dress?

Feed cats  
Chat with Lavinia  
Work in garden  
Write to T.W.H.

*Wednesday*

White dress or what?  
Eavesdrop on visitors from behind door  
Write poem  
Hide poem

*Thursday*

Try on new white dress  
Gardening -- watch out for narrow fellows in grass!  
Gingerbread, cakes, treats  
Poems: Write and hide them

*Friday*

Embroider sash for white dress

Write poetry

Water flowers on windowsill

Hide everything