**The Railway Train**

by Emily Dickinson

 I like to see it lap the miles,
And lick the valleys up,
And stop to feed itself at tanks;
And then, prodigious, step

Around a pile of mountains,
And, supercilious, peer
In shanties, by the sides of roads;
And then a quarry pare

To fit its sides, and crawl between,
Complaining all the while
In horrid, hooting stanza;
Then chase itself down hill

And neigh like Boanerges;
Then, punctual as a star,
Stop--docile and omnipotent--
At its own stable door.

***Vocabulary:***

*Prodigious – great in extent, size or degree*

*Supercilious – arrogant*

*Shanties – small, rough shelter or dwelling*

*Pare – shave away; trim*

*Boanerges – “sons of thunder,” [reference to Biblical verse]*

*Omnipotent – possessing unlimited power; supreme*