

Synesthesia

DIRECTIONS: Read the poem “Dying” by Emily Dickenson.

I heard a fly buzz when I died;
The stillness round my form
Was like the stillness in the air
Between the heavens of storm.



The eyes beside had wrung them dry,
And breaths were gathering sure
For that last onset, when the king
Be witnessed in his power.

I willed my keepsakes, signed away
What portion of me I
Could make assignable, —and then
There interposed a fly,

With blue, uncertain, stumbling buzz,
Between the light and me;
And then the windows failed, and then
could not see to see.

1. Underline the line that uses synesthesia.
2. What sense is usually associated with what's going on in that line?
3. What sense does the synesthesia associate with it?