

Life Principle: COMPASSION
Poem: "I Shall Not Live in Vain."

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain .

[Emily Dickinson](#)

["I will not live in vain."](#) - Lesson Plan

[Acts of Compassion video](#) - 3:05 min.

["I shall not live in vain"](#) Song: 4:21 min.

[Compassion Choice Worksheet](#)

[Other poems by Emily Dickinson](#)

Step 1: Question Focus: "Compassion"

Question Focus Technique Resource
-- A Cooperative Learning Strategy

Step 2: Produce Questions.

Rules for producing questions:

1. Ask as many questions as you can.
2. Change any statements into questions.
3. Write down every question exactly as stated.
4. Do not stop to discuss, judge, or answer the questions.

Step 3: Improve the Questions.

- 1) Identify open and closed-ended questions.
- 2) Change questions: select one question to change from open to closed-ended and one closed question to open-ended.

Example: *Closed to open*

Can I live in vain?

How can I live in vain?

[The Power of Effective Questioning](#) 5:35 min

