

Upon First Meeting My Double

She kept it all  
Sweet girl     edged with mourning  
Wild with anticipations  
                  of her own death  
Her sorrow obliged me  
                  to walk with her

## ABOUT THE POEM

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“Upon First Meeting My Double” was created from *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë (1847). About the poem and the process of composing it, Kari Ann Ebert writes:

This poem is an erasure of p. 144 (12 x 12) in my copy of Brontë’s novel. I chose the last 12 lines of the page from which to extract this poem. As I chipped away at the text, there emerged something ghostly that I embraced much like Heathcliff embraces Cathy. The title came naturally and is echoed in the finished poem, which is 24 words, or a doubling of 12.

