

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