

You said that I "was Great" – one Day –  
 Then "Great" it be – if that please Thee –  
 Or Small – or any size at all –  
 Nay – I'm the size suit Thee –

Tall – like the Stag – would that?  
 Or lower – like the Wren –  
 Or other hights of Other Ones  
 I've seen?

Tell which – it's dull to guess –  
 And I must be Rhinoceros  
 Or Mouse  
 At once – for Thee –

So say – if Queen it be –  
 Or Page – please Thee –  
 I'm that – or nought –  
 Or other thing – if other thing there be –  
 With just this Stipulus –  
 I suit Thee –

17. Stipulus] Reservation –

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Emily Dickinson, *The Complete Poems* (London, Faber, 1975)