I TOOK MY POWER IN MY HAND –

I took my Power in my Hand –
And went against the World –
Twas not so much as David – had –
But I – was twice as bold –

I aimed by Pebble – but Myself
Was all the one that fell –
Was it Goliath – was too large –
Or was myself – too small?
Response Questions

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This poem draws similarities between the biblical story of David and Goliath. In the story, David, who is small in stature, fights a giant and wins using his bravery.

• How does Dickinson compare her struggle to David’s?

• Write down the line in the poem where Dickinson’s story becomes different from the David and Goliath story.