

2nd + 4th line in each stanza rhyme (abcb)
1st + 3rd line in each stanza - 8 beats,
2nd + 4th line in each stanza - 6 beats

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sky - upper air or
celestial heaven?

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awesome
use of color, I love it!

Brain-control + coordinate
mental + physical actions/

center of thought + intellect,
therefore our self or soul?

The Brain - is wider than the Sky -

not physically, metaphorically

compare

For - put them side by side -

punctuation?

the use of dashes

Slows the reader down

The one the other will contain -

the brain contains the sky
because of the power to imagine

free from difficulty

With ease - and You - beside -

The Brain is deeper than the sea -

sea - body of water or birthplace
of life on earth?

wider + deeper = broader
strange

For - hold them - Blue to Blue -

to regard/consider

the brain is not blue it is grey!
what does this mean?

Even though the ocean is physically
much larger than the brain, the brain
creates the meaning + depth of the sea

The one the other will absorb -

As Sponges - Buckets - do -

both absorb or hold water

God - supreme being, creator
of universe... religion, deity

(life, truth, love, mind, soul, spirit, principle)

The Brain is just the weight of God -

exactly, precisely

weight - unit of heaviness
or mass... mental/moral burden
the stress or accent given to
a sound, syllable, or word

Heft - lift, hoist, weight,
test weight by lifting, significance
or importance

For - Heft them - Pound for Pound -

the brain could actually be
weighed, while God cannot

And they will differ - if they do -

to be unlike or dispute/quarrel

As Syllable from Sound -

Syllable: the smallest separately articulated element in
human utterance

Sound: the sensation produced by stimulation of the organs
of hearing by vibrations transmitted through the air or
other medium.

Syllable + sound are not very different,
Dickinson is saying that while God created
man + therefore the brain, in order to
be worshipped or thought about, God
needed man!