Dickinson’s Reviews

Directions: Read the two quotes from Dickinson written in response to her sister-in-law Susan’s review of her poetry. Choose one of the questions below and free write a response to that question below.

Quotes:
"Your praise is good — to me - because I know it knows — and suppose — it means —"
"Could I make you and Austin — proud - sometime — a great way off — 'twould give me taller feet —"

Questions -Choose 1!

1) In the first quotation, how does Dickinson react to Sue's review of her poetry?

2) What might the second quotation say about Dickinson's goals as a poet?

3) In light of these quotations, what do you make of biographical claims of Dickinson's reclusive nature?