



A Dash of Rain From the Sky

Date

1916

Primary Maker

Charles E. Burchfield

Medium

Watercolor and pencil on paper

Description

Charles Burchfield was well known for his visionary and inventive watercolor paintings detailing his deep love and respect of nature.

Painted on June 17, 1916, A Dash of Rain From the Sky is

indicative of his early period which featured romantic stylizations of nature and weather with a decorative quality. It was during this time that the artist was in the habit of meticulously planning and outlining the design of his pictures, and creating color notations to be filled in later. We see Burchfield doing so here in the upper left near the rainbow and the tree line, making several markings indicating color palette. By late summer 1916, Burchfield gradually abandoned this practice, and by 1917 much of his work became unplanned. The painting itself features a blue and white sky seen over top of Weaver's (Lodge) House with a partial rainbow visible on a cloud and was completed near the artist's home in Salem, Ohio.

Dimensions

Sheet: 13 15/16 x 19 15/16 in. (35.4 x 50.6 cm)