

1849

REMEMBER

Christina Rossetti

Rossetti, Christina Georgina (1830-1894) - English poet of Italian descent known for her ballads and mystic lyrics. Rossetti wrote over nine hundred poems in her lifetime and, despite the fact that she wrote nothing so well-known as Mrs. Browning's "Songs from the Portuguese," many consider her the finest and most accomplished of all English women poets. Remember (1849) - Opening lines: Remember me when I am gone away, / Gone far away into the silent land; ...

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REMEMBER me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go, yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more day by day,
You tell me of our future that you plann'd:
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

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