



**CLASS-IX**  
**ADDITIONAL ENGLISH**  
**CHAPTER 5 - WHEN I AM DEAD MY DEAREST**  
**CHRISTINA G. ROSSETTI**

**NOTES**

**THE POET**

Christina G. Rossetti (1830-1894) was an English poet who wrote various poems including children's poems. She was the youngest child in an extraordinary gifted family. She was the sister of painter-poet, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, a well-known Pre-Raphaelite poet. She became one of the Victorian Age's finest poets and author of 'Goblin Market and other Poems' (1862) and 'Remember'. Her verse entirely original in thought is characterized by imaginative power, exquisitely simple but symbolic expression.

**SUBSTANCE**

The poet doesn't wish her beloved to sing sad songs when she is dead. She also has no wish for decorative rose plant or cypress tree to be planted over her grave. Only the grave covered with green grass soaked with rain and dewdrops would simply please her. She again says that her beloved may remember or forget her; because after the death, she will neither feel nor see anything.

