**Remember**

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 turn to stay.

Remember me when no more day by day

You tell me of our future that you planned:

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 is darkness and corruption leave

A vestige of the thoughts I once had,

Better by far you should forget and smile

Than that you should remember and be sad.

*Christina Rosetti*

Corruption – decay (especially of a corpse)

Vestige - trace

**First Reading**

* Who is speaking in this poem?
* Who is being addressed?
* How does the poet describe the process of dying?
* What does she want her lover to do when she is dead?
* Does she expect her lover to remember her all the time?
* Will she be upset if he doesn’t?
* Does she expect to remember her lover?

**Take a closer look**

* Highlight and annotate any *poetic techniques* you can spot.
* Write a short paragraph in which

you explain Christina Rosetti’s

views on death and dying