

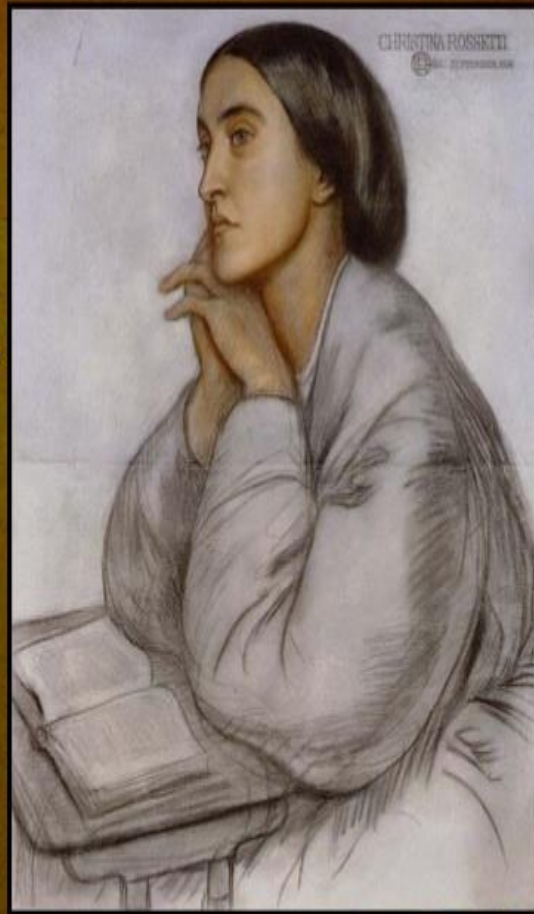
Day 1 – Monday 18th May 2020

Summer

by

Christina Rossetti

Christina Georgina Rossetti (5 December 1830 – 29 December 1894) was an English poet who wrote a variety of romantic, devotional, and children's poems. She was born in London and educated at home by her mother, who had her study religious works, classics, fairy tales and novels. Rossetti delighted in the works of Keats, Scott, Ann Radcliffe and Matthew Lewis.



*Portrait of Christina Rossetti, by her brother
Dante Gabriel Rossetti*

By Gyanashruti Mukherjee

Introduction: Christina Rossetti is one of the poets compiled in a much larger book – called: *A poem for Every Night of the Year* by Allie Esiri

1. Why do you think her work became well-known?
2. Find another children's author/poet and the title of their work.

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Read her poem. If there are any words you don't know – make a list of them and find the meaning.



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**And blue-black beetles transact business,
And gnats fly in a host,
And furry caterpillars hasten
That no time be lost,
And moths grow fat and thrive,
And ladybirds arrive.**

**Before green apples blush,
Before green nuts embrown,
Why, one day in the country
Is worth a month in town;
Is worth a day and a year
Of the dusty, musty, lag-last fashion
That days drone elsewhere.**

**Winter is cold-hearted
Spring is yea and nay,
Autumn is a weather-cock
Blown every way:
Summer days for me
When every leaf is on its tree;**

**When Robin's not a beggar,
And Jenny Wren's a bride,
And larks hang singing, singing, singing,
Over the wheat-fields wide,
And anchored lilies ride,
And the pendulum spider
Swings from side to side,**