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Elizabeth Barrett Browning () was one of the most prominent poets of the Victorian era. Her poetry was widely popular in both England and the United States during her lifetime. Product details.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Biographical note Poetess, was the daughter of Edward Barrett Moulton Barrett, who assumed the last name on succeeding to the estates of his grandfather in Jamaica. While still a child she showed her gift, and her father published 50 copies of a juvenile epic, on the Battle of Marathon. She was educated at home, but owed her profound knowledge of Greek and much mental stimulus to her early friendship with the blind scholar, Hugh Stuart Boyd, who was a neighbour. At the age of 15 she met with an injury to her spine which confined her to a recumbent position for several years, and from the effects of which she never fully recovered. Shortly afterwards the abolition of slavery, of which he had been a disinterested supporter, considerably reduced Mr. At the former Miss Barrett wrote Prometheus Bound After her removal to London she fell into delicate health, her lungs being threatened. Eventually, however, she regained strength, and meanwhile her fame was growing. The published about of The Cry of the Children gave it a great impulse, and about the same time she contributed some critical papers in prose to R. In she published two vols. Their courtship and marriage, owing to her delicate health and the extraordinary objections entertained by Mr. Barrett to the marriage of any of his children, were carried out under somewhat peculiar and romantic circumstances. After a private marriage and a secret departure from her home, she accompanied her husband to Italy, which became her home almost continuously until her death, and with the political aspirations of which she and her husband both thoroughly identified themselves. The union proved one of unalloyed happiness to both, though it was never forgiven by Mr. In her new circumstances her strength greatly increased. Her husband and she settled in Florence, and there she wrote Casa Guidi Windows " by many considered her strongest work " under the inspiration of the Tuscan struggle for liberty. Aurora Leigh, her largest, and perhaps the most popular of her longer poems, appeared in In The Sonnets from the Portuguese " the history of her own love-story, thinly disguised by its title " had appeared. In she issued a collected edition of her poems under the title, Poems before Congress. Soon thereafter her health underwent a change for the worse; she gradually lost strength, and died on June 29, She is generally considered the greatest of English poetesses. Her works are full of tender and delicate, but also of strong and deep, thought. Her own sufferings, combined with her moral and intellectual strength, made her the champion of the suffering and oppressed wherever she found them. Her gift was essentially lyrical, though much of her work was not so in form. Her weak points are the lack of compression, an occasional somewhat obtrusive mannerism, and frequent failure both in metre and rhyme. Though not nearly the equal of her husband in force of intellect and the higher qualities of the poet, her works had, as might be expected on a comparison of their respective subjects and styles, a much earlier and wider acceptance with the general public. Browning was a woman of singular nobility and charm, and though not beautiful, was remarkably attractive. Miss Mitford thus describes her as a young woman:

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The oldest of twelve children, Elizabeth was the first in her family born in England in over two hundred years. For centuries, the Barrett family, who were part Creole, had lived in Jamaica, where they owned sugar plantations and relied on slave labor. Educated at home, Elizabeth apparently had read passages from Paradise Lost and a number of Shakespearean plays, among other great works, before the age of ten. By her twelfth year, she had written her first "epic" poem, which consisted of four books of rhyming couplets. Two years later, Elizabeth developed a lung ailment that plagued her for the rest of her life. Doctors began treating her with morphine, which she would take until her death. While saddling a pony when she was fifteen, Elizabeth also suffered a spinal injury. Despite her ailments, her education continued to flourish. Throughout her teenage years, Elizabeth taught herself Hebrew so that she could read the Old Testament; her interests later turned to Greek studies. Accompanying her appetite for the classics was a passionate enthusiasm for her Christian faith. She became active in the Bible and Missionary Societies of her church. Two years later, her mother passed away. He moved his family to a coastal town and rented cottages for the next three years, before settling permanently in London. While living on the sea coast, Elizabeth published her translation of Prometheus Bound , by the Greek dramatist Aeschylus. Elizabeth bitterly opposed slavery and did not want her siblings sent away. During this time, she wrote The Seraphim and Other Poems , expressing Christian sentiments in the form of classical Greek tragedy. Due to her weakening disposition, she was forced to spend a year at the sea of Torquay accompanied by her brother Edward, whom she referred to as "Bro. She continued writing, however, and in produced a collection entitled simply Poems. This volume gained the attention of poet Robert Browning , whose work Elizabeth had praised in one of her poems, and he wrote her a letter. Elizabeth and Robert, who was six years her junior, exchanged letters over the next twenty months. Immortalized in in the play The Barretts of Wimpole Street, by Rudolf Besier , their romance was bitterly opposed by her father, who did not want any of his children to marry. Her father never spoke to her again. Critics generally consider the Sonnetsâ€”one of the most widely known collections of love lyrics in Englishâ€”to be her best work. Admirers have compared her imagery to Shakespeare and her use of the Italian form to Petrarch. She expressed her intense sympathy for the struggle for the unification of Italy in Casa Guidi Windows and Poems Before Congress In Browning published her verse novel Aurora Leigh, which portrays male domination of a woman. In her poetry she also addressed the oppression of the Italians by the Austrians, the child labor mines and mills of England, and slavery, among other social injustices. Although this decreased her popularity, Elizabeth was heard and recognized around Europe. Elizabeth Barrett Browning died in Florence on June 29, Selected Bibliography The Battle of Marathon: A Poem Poems:

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Chapter 3 : Books by Elizabeth Barrett Browning (Author of Sonnets from the Portuguese)

Frontis photo of Robert Browning in Volume I and of Elizabeth Barrett Browning in Volume II. Spines (especially) and edges of covers sunned. Book plates on front end paper of each volume.

She was the eldest daughter of Edward Moulton, and was christened by the names of Elizabeth Barrett. Not long afterwards Mr. Moulton, himself succeeding to some property, took the name of Barrett. In after times Mrs. Browning signed herself at length as Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Her mother was Mary Graham, the daughter of a Mr. Graham, afterwards known as Graham Clarke of Feltham in Northumberland. Barrett possessed a considerable estate, and had built himself a country house, with Moorish windows and turrets. It is described by one of his family as standing in a lovely park among trees and sloping hills all sprinkled with sheep. Elizabeth was famed among the children for her skill with her white roses; she had a bower of her own all overgrown with their sprays. A cousin remembers a certain ode, which the little girl recited to her father on his birthday about this time. This cousin used to pay visits to Hope End, where their common grandmother would also come and stay. Elizabeth was growing up meanwhile under happy influences. She had brothers and sisters in her home, her life was not all study, she had the best of company, that of happy children, as well as of all bright and natural things. She was fond of riding, she loved her gardens, her woodland playground. As she grew older she used to ride a pony and go further afield. He would not allow his wife to be troubled or told of this crisis in his affairs, and compounded at an enormous cost with his creditors, materially diminishing his income for life, so as to put off any change in the ways at Hope End until change could trouble the sick lady no more. The family spent two years at Sidmouth and then came to London, where Mr. Barrett bought a house at 74 Gloucester Place. Her continued delicacy kept her for months at a time a prisoner to her room, but she was becoming known to the world. In a surviving copy of this book, belonging to Mr. Dykes Campbell, there is an added stanza to the image of God, never yet printed, and many a faint correction in her delicate handwriting. All that year the sea beating upon the shore sounded to her as a dirge, she says, in a letter to Miss Mitford. Among these exceptions were to be found Miss Mitford, who would travel forty miles to see her for an hour, Mrs. Jameson, and above all Mr. He was her constant visitor and link with the outside world. These early letters of Mrs. A bird in a cage would have as good a story; most of my events and nearly all my intense pleasure have passed in my thoughts. It was suggested by the report of the commissioners appointed to investigate the subject of the employment of young children. In the early part of she assisted Mrs. Kenyon first brought Mr. Browning as a visitor to the house. It must have been about this time that Miss Barrett, writing to Mrs. Jameson, says, in a warm and grateful letter in the possession of Mrs. Browning before her marriage, although they were not shown to her husband till long afterwards. There is a quality in them which is beyond words; an echo from afar which belongs to the highest human expression of feeling. Browning took his wife abroad. Jameson was at Paris when Mr. In the life of Mrs. Jameson, by her niece, Mrs. Macpherson, there is an interesting description of the meeting and the surprise, and of their all journeying together southwards by Avignon and Vaucluse. They came to a rest at Pisa, whence Mrs. Browning writes to her old friend, Mr. Horne, to tell him of her marriage, and she adds that Mrs. From Pisa the new married pair went to Florence, where they finally settled, and where their boy was born in Those among us who only knew Mrs. Browning as a wife and as a mother have found it difficult to realise her life under any other conditions, so vivid and complete is the image of her peaceful home, of its fireside where the logs are burning, and the mistress established on her sofa, with her little boy curled up by her side, the door opening and shutting meanwhile to the quick step of the master of the house, and to the life of the world without, coming to find her in her quiet corner. We can recall the slight figure in its black silk dress, the writing apparatus by the sofa, the tiny inkstand, the quill-nibbed pen-holder, the unpretentious implements of her work. Nathaniel Hawthorne, who visited Mrs. There is not such another figure in the world, and her black ringlets cluster down into her neck and make her face look whiter. Browning has had readers worthy of her genius. The princess of poets, says

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George Macdonald, in idea she is noble, in phrase magnificent. Browning should succeed him as poet laureate. Ruskin and George Eliot were among her readers. Browning writes of him to Mr. Story, with whom they lived during two or three summers at Siena in villeggiatura. Landor finally settled down near the Brownings in Florence, being established by their care in the house of a former maid of Mrs. Story has written an interesting letter about Casa Guidi prefixed to the American edition of Mrs. Browning used to sit in a low armchair near the door; a small writing-table, strewn with writing materials and newspapers, was always by her side. The poem is full of beauty from the first page to the last. In this same box were also carefully put away certain velvet suits and lace collars, in which the little son was to make his appearance among his English relatives. Happily one of her brothers was at Marseilles, and the box was discovered stowed away in some cellar at the customs there. The happy influence of Mrs. At Paris, a year ago last March, she gave me the first six books to read, I never having seen a line before. She then wrote the rest and transcribed them in London, where I read them also. I wish in one sense that I had written and she had read it. It has been said that the news of the death of Cavour, coming when she was very ill, hastened her own. Elizabeth Barrett Browning died at Florence 30 June A tablet has been placed to her memory on the walls of Casa Guidi. Pose questa memoria Firenze grata, Preface says, all written later than 3. Browning, 8vo, ; 2nd edition same year, 18th edition Posthumous, edited by Robert Browning, who states that there are included some translations written in early life. There are many American editions and selections.

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Biographer Julia Markus states the poet "believed that she had African blood through her grandfather Charles Moulton", but [5] there is no evidence of this although other branches of her family had African blood through relationships between plantation owners and slaves. What the family believed to be their genealogy in relation to Jamaica is unclear. In some cases inheritance was given on condition that the name was used by the beneficiary; the English gentry and "squirearchy" had long encouraged this sort of name changing. Given this strong tradition, Elizabeth used "Elizabeth Barrett Moulton Barrett" on legal documents and before she was married often signed herself "Elizabeth Barrett Barrett" or "EBB" initials which she was able to keep after her wedding. All lived to adulthood except for one girl, who died at the age of three, when Elizabeth was eight. The children all had nicknames: She rode her pony, went for family walks and picnics, socialised with other county families, and participated in home theatrical productions. But unlike her siblings, she immersed herself in books as often as she could get away from the social rituals of her family. She was baptized in at Kelloe parish church, although she had [6] already been baptised by a family friend in her first week of life. In Mr Barrett privately published *The Battle of Marathon*, an epic-style poem, though all copies remained within the family. Her father called her the "Poet Laureate of Hope End" and encouraged her work. The result is one of the largest collections of juvenilia of any English writer. Mary Russell Mitford described the young Elizabeth at this time, as having "a slight, delicate figure, with a shower of dark curls falling on each side of a most expressive face; large, tender eyes, richly fringed by dark eyelashes, and a smile like a sunbeam. She had intense head and spinal pain with loss of mobility. Various biographies link this to a riding accident at the time she fell while trying to dismount a horse, but there is no evidence to support the link. Sent to recover at the Gloucester spa, she was treated in the absence of symptoms supporting another diagnosis for a spinal problem. She would become dependent on them for much of her adulthood; the use from an early age may well have contributed to her frail health. Biographers such as Alethea Hayter have suggested this may also have contributed to the wild vividness of her imagination and the poetry that it produced. Following lawsuits and the abolition of slavery Mr Barrett incurred great financial and investment losses that forced him to sell Hope End. Although the family was never poor, the place was seized and put up for sale to satisfy creditors. Always secret in his financial dealings, he would not discuss his situation and the family was haunted by the idea that they might have to move to Jamaica. Between and , she was living, with her family, at Belle Vue in Sidmouth. The site has now been renamed Cedar Shade and redeveloped. A blue plaque at the entrance to the site attests to this. In , some years after the sale of Hope End, the family settled at 50 Wimpole Street. Two tragedies then struck. In February her brother Samuel died of a fever in Jamaica. Then her favourite brother Edward "Bro" was drowned in a sailing accident in Torquay in July. This had a serious effect on her already fragile health. She wrote to Mitford, "That was a very near escape from madness, absolute hopeless madness". Her health began to improve, though she saw few people other than her immediate family. She received comfort from a spaniel named Flush, a gift from Mary Mitford. Between and Barrett Browning was prolific in poetry, translation and prose. Her volume *Poems* made her one of the most popular writers in the country, and inspired Robert Browning to write to her. He wrote, "I love your verses with all my heart, dear Miss Barrett," praising their "fresh strange music, the affluent language, the exquisite pathos and true new brave thought. Elizabeth had already produced a large amount of work, but Browning had a great influence on her subsequent writing, as did she on his: Some critics state that her activity was, in some ways, in decay before she met Browning: As an intellectual presence and a physical being, she was becoming a shadow of herself. After a private marriage at St Marylebone Parish Church, they honeymooned in Paris before moving to Italy, in September, which became their home almost continuously until her death. The Brownings were well

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respected, and even famous. Elizabeth grew stronger and in , at the age of 43, between four miscarriages, she gave birth to a son, Robert Wiedeman Barrett Browning , whom they called Pen. Their son later married, but had no legitimate children. The couple came to know a wide circle of artists and writers including William Makepeace Thackeray , sculptor Harriet Hosmer who, she wrote, seemed to be the "perfectly emancipated female" and Harriet Beecher Stowe. In she met Margaret Fuller , and the female French novelist George Sand in , whom she had long admired. Among her intimate friends in Florence was the writer Isa Blagden , whom she encouraged to write novels. Engrossed in Italian politics, she issued a small volume of political poems titled *Poems before Congress* "most of which were written to express her sympathy with the Italian cause after the outbreak of fighting in ". She dedicated this book to her husband. Her last work was *A Musical Instrument*, published posthumously. Her last word was *Some modern scientists speculate her illness may have been hypokalemic periodic paralysis* , a genetic disorder that causes weakness and many of the other symptoms she described. Elizabeth opposed slavery and published two poems highlighting the barbarity of slavers and her support for the abolitionist cause: In "Runaway" she describes a slave woman who is whipped, raped, and made pregnant as she curses the slavers. The date of publication of these poems is in dispute, but her position on slavery in the poems is clear and may have led to a rift between Elizabeth and her father. After the Jamaican slave uprising of 1832, her father and uncle continued to treat the slaves humanely. *Sonnets from the Portuguese* was published in There is debate about the origin of the title. However, "my little Portuguese" was a pet name that Browning had adopted for Elizabeth and this may have some connection. *Aurora Leigh* was an important influence on Susan B. Something of this has been perceived in art when its glory was at the fullest. Something of a yearning after this may be seen among the Greek Christian poets, something which would have been much with a stronger faculty". She explored the religious aspect in many of her poems, especially in her early work, such as the sonnets. She was interested in theological debate, had learned Hebrew and read the Hebrew Bible. *Brightwen* Binyon beat 44 other designs. It was based on the timber-framed Market House, which was opposite the site. It was completed in However, Nikolaus Pevsner was not impressed by its style. In , it became a public library. *How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and breadth and height My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight For the ends of being and ideal grace. I love thee freely, as men strive for right. I love thee purely, as they turn from praise. I love thee with a love I seemed to lose With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath, Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose, I shall but love thee better after death.* Her sense of Art is pure in itself. Her popularity in the United States and Britain was further advanced by her stands against social injustice, including slavery in the United States, injustice toward Italian citizens by foreign rulers, and child labour. Lilian Whiting published a biography of Barrett Browning which describes her as "the most philosophical poet" and depicts her life as "a Gospel of applied Christianity". In this critical analysis, Whiting portrays Barrett Browning as a poet who uses knowledge of Classical literature with an "intuitive gift of spiritual divination". It was an enormous success, both artistically and commercially, and was revived several times and adapted twice into movies. In *Aurora Leigh*, however, she created a strong and independent woman who embraces both work and love. Leighton writes that because Elizabeth participates in the literary world, where voice and diction are dominated by perceived masculine superiority, she "is defined only in mysterious opposition to everything that distinguishes the male subject who writes

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