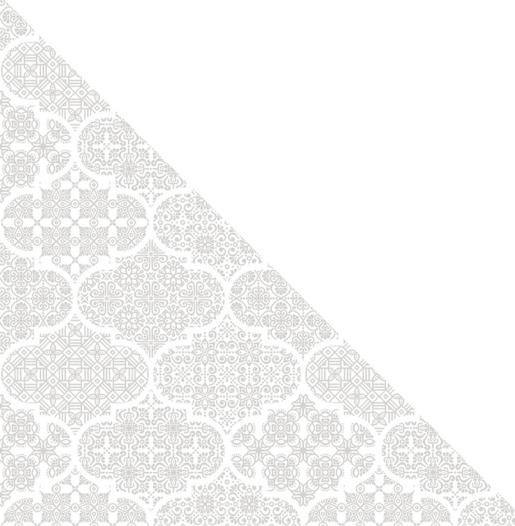
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Remember

SATB divisi, unaccompanied



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Composer's notes

Rossetti's poem *Remember* speaks of the dying wishes of an individual, who hopes that their loved ones would not be too grieved by their passing and move on with peace in their hearts. It narrates the conflicting desires between wanting to be remembered and forgotten by loved ones, before eventually settling into a state of acceptance. I hope that this choral work can serve as a reminder to us, that we must cherish every moment with our loved ones, whilst keeping the memories of those who have passed on from our lives close to our hearts.

Remember is the first part of the two-part series *Death and Life*.

Remember

Christina Rossetti

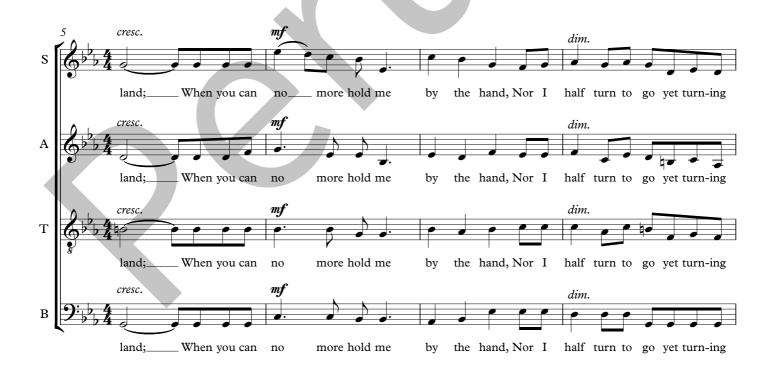
Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more day by day
You tell me of our future that you planned:
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
For 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.

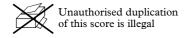
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Christina Rossetti (1830 - 1894)

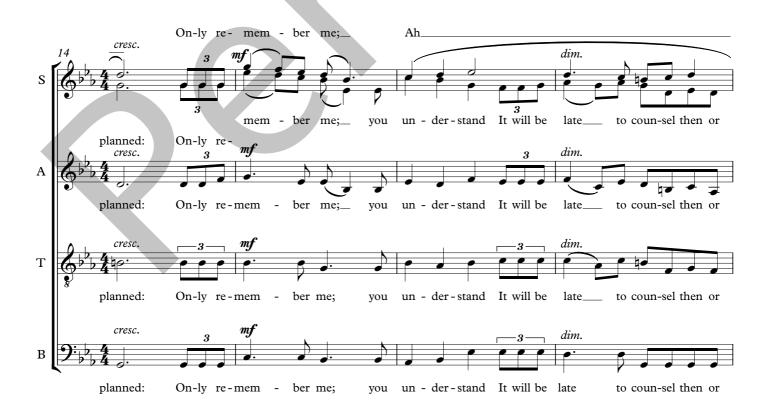
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