

## Little Poems by A Great Poet

Every school child has, sometime during his school days, learned such simple but beautiful rhymes like "Ferry Me Across the Water," "Boats Sail on the Rivers," "Who Has Seen the Wind," "O Sailor, Come Ashore." The author of these little poems wrote many others

which are worth memorizing. Christina Rossetti, the poet, was born in England and lived in England, although the blood in her veins was Italian. She started writing when still a child. Below are poems written by her at the age of eleven.

### TO MY MOTHER

Today's your natal day,  
Sweet flowers I bring:  
Mother, accept I pray  
My offering.

And may you happy live,  
And long us bless;  
Receiving as you give  
Great happiness.

### HYMN

To the God who reigns on high,  
To the Eternal Majesty,  
To the blessed Trinity,  
Glory on earth be given,  
In the sea and in the sky,  
And in the highest heaven.

