WARNING CONCERNING COPYRIGHT RESTRICTIONS

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, U.S. Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material.

Under certain conditions specified in the law, libraries and archives are authorized to furnish a photocopy or other reproduction. One of these specified conditions is that the photocopy or reproduction is not to be used for any purpose other than private study, scholarship, or research. If electronic transmission of reserve material is used for purposes in excess of what constitutes "fair use," that user may be liable for copyright infringement.

No further Transmission of this material is permitted.

insert citation here:
Rossetti, Christina. The Complete
Poems of Christina Rosetti.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana State Univ. Press, 1979.
1979.

USES /
without permission (1 max
with permission
The state of the s

10

15

20

I think not Eve's peacock
Splendid to see,
And I think not Adam's eagle;
But a dove may be.

Did any beast come pushing
Thro' the thorny hedge
Into the thorny thistly world
Out from Eden's edge?

I think not a lion
Tho' his strength is such;
But an innocent loving lamb
May have done as much.

If the dove preached from her bough And the lamb from his sod, The lamb and the dove Were preachers sent from God.

EVE.

"While I sit at the door Sick to gaze within Mine eye weepeth sore For sorrow and sin: As a tree my sin stands To darken all lands; Death is the fruit it bore.

"How have Eden bowers grown Without Adam to bend them!
How have Eden flowers blown Squandering their sweet breath Without me to tend them!
The Tree of Life was ours,
Tree twelvefold-fruited,

Most lofty tree that Most deeply roote I chose the tree of

"Hadst thou but so
Adam, my brothe
I might have pine
I, but none other
God might have
Safe in our garde
By putting me av
Beyond all pardo

"I, Eve, sad moth Of all who must I, not another, Plucked bitteres My friend, husb O wanton eyes,

Who but I shoul Cain hath slain l Of all who must Miserable Eve!"

Thus Eve our n Where one lay Slain by his bro Greatest and le

Each piteous be To hear her vo Forgot his joys And set aside h

The mouse part And dropped Grave cattle was In rumination The eagle gave From his cloud

45

Most lofty tree that flowers,Most deeply rooted:I chose the tree of death.

"Hadst thou but said me nay, Adam, my brother,

- I might have pined away;
 I, but none other:
 God might have let thee stay
 Safe in our garden,
 By putting me away
- 25 Beyond all pardon.

"I, Eve, sad mother
Of all who must live,
I, not another,
Plucked bitterest fruit to give
My friend, husband, lover;—
O wanton eyes, run over;

O wanton eyes, run over; Who but I should grieve?— Cain hath slain his brother: Of all who must die mother,

35 Miserable Eve!"

Thus she sat weeping, Thus Eve our mother, Where one lay sleeping Slain by his brother.

- 40 Greatest and least
 Each piteous beast
 To hear her voice
 Forgot his joys
 And set aside his feast.
- The mouse paused in his walk
 And dropped his wheaten stalk;
 Grave cattle wagged their heads
 In rumination;
 The eagle gave a cry
- 50 From his cloud station;

5

10

Larks on thyme beds
Forbore to mount or sing;
Bees drooped upon the wing;
The raven perched on high
Forgot his ration;
The conies in their rock,
A feeble nation,
Quaked sympathetical;
The mocking-bird left off to mock;

Huge camels knelt as if
 In deprecation;
 The kind hart's tears were falling;
 Chattered the wistful stork;
 Dove-voices with a dying fall

5 Cooed desolation Answering grief by grief.

> Only the serpent in the dust Wriggling and crawling, Grinned an evil grin and thrust His tongue out with its fork.

GROWN AND FLOWN.

I loved my love from green of Spring
Until sere Autumn's fall;
But now that leaves are withering
How should one love at all?
One heart's too small
For hunger, cold, love, everything.
I loved my love on sunny days
Until late Summer's wane;
But now that frost begins to glaze
How should one love again?
Nay, love and pain
Walk wide apart in diverse ways.

That this
I thought t
Yet has i
Sweet sw
Now bitter

I loved my

A FARM W

The year s

And blu:
A bleat of :
Green hat
I met a ma
Where no
She wore a
Her bare

Her apron

10

15

20

Her air

She milked And san An innoce That wa Patheticall

> Too poi She kept is As true Unless she

> Or sque Her clear As man

> I stood a r Stood si To eye the The fro