

# *My English Rose*

*Yesterday her beauty shone brightly like the sun's rays  
and made the hearts of all who gazed upon her happy.*

*Yesterday her sweet perfume would kiss the sky  
and stir a warm glow in all who held her close.*

*Yesterday her touch was soft, gentle  
and her tenderness would comfort the sad and broken-hearted.*

*Yesterday she was wanted, loved.*

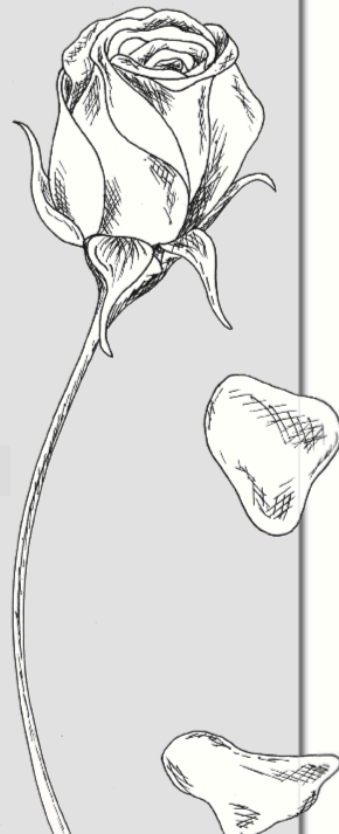
*But time pushes forward like a sailing  
boat on the waters of life.*

*Today her beauty has faded to grey  
like a dim light in the fog of old age.*

*Today her sweet perfume is floating on a memory  
like a sun setting on a cold winter's day.*

*Today her touch is not soft, not gentle. It is  
withering away like a black and white photograph  
in a dusty album.*

*The love that once blossomed is no more.*



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### Glossary

Word	Definition
radiate	give off light or heat
caress	touch gently

### Vocabulary Starter

Word	Definition
radiantly	
withering	

### ANSWER QUESTION 1 BEFORE READING THE STORY

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Look at the title of the poem. What do you think it will be about?

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Do you think the 'Rose' in the poem is a flower or a person?

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Rose is a girl's name. Why do you think her parents gave her this name?

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Why do you think the poet gave the main character this name?  
(What happens to roses over their life?)

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*'But times pushes forward, a sailing boat on the waters of life.'*

This verse comes in the middle of the poem. Why is it significant?

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How did people see Rose when she was younger? Why?

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How do people see Rose now she is older?

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Re-read the second part of the poem from *'Today her beauty has faded...'*

How does the poet suggest that Rose is becoming old and forgotten? Use quotes from the poem to support your answer.

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Extension  
activity

This poem is a sad poem because \_\_\_\_\_

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This poem is a sad poem but \_\_\_\_\_

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As the poem says, 'time pushes forward' so \_\_\_\_\_

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