

## Listening Guide- Episode 2

### “Sonnets of the Portuguese”- Elizabeth Barrett Browning

#### “Plus, a Great Love Story!”

1. When she was single she was Elizabeth Barrett \_\_\_\_\_ - so, she started using \_\_\_\_\_ before she got married.
2. I read somewhere that they printed over \_\_\_\_\_ editions before the end of the 19th century.
3. EBB was born March 6, 1806. She was the eldest of \_\_\_\_\_ children.
4. She received a \_\_\_\_\_ education, and she became proficient in both Greek and Latin.
5. Her father called her the Poet Laureate of \_\_\_\_\_, that was the name of this lavish estate.
6. To this day, Elizabeth’s illness is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. There is a school of thought that suggests that some of her problems are connected to her \_\_\_\_\_ from an injury she got when she fell off a horse as a little girl.
8. Laudanum was an alcoholic herbal preparation and it was 10% \_\_\_\_\_.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ was even spoon-fed to infants.
10. After they got married, Robert Browning did help her \_\_\_\_\_ her drug use significantly.
11. In 1844, she published another book of \_\_\_\_\_, that was even more successful.
12. “I love your verses with all my heart, Miss \_\_\_\_\_” ..., I do, as I say, love these books with all my heart- and I love you too.”
13. To marry Robert would be to cut off her \_\_\_\_\_.
14. So, despite her father’s objections, he visited her home \_\_\_\_\_ times unrelenting in wanting this relationship with Elizabeth.
15. They ran away to \_\_\_\_\_ and eventually settled in Florence, and that’s where they lived for the rest of Elizabeth’s life.

16. After \_\_\_\_\_ miscarriages, they had a son.
17. She wrote 44 \_\_\_\_\_ to Robert, but she didn't give them to him until after they were married.
18. It's this mutual admiration that led to a real \_\_\_\_\_ exchange.
  
19. "How do I love thee, let me \_\_\_\_\_ the ways?"
20. Because Elizabeth was a product of the \_\_\_\_\_ era, she had a very specific understanding of the view of the ideal woman of her day.
21. She was enamored with the \_\_\_\_\_ poet Sapphos.
22. For EBB love comes from \_\_\_\_\_ and fills the lover with confidence.
23. The argument was that there should be a woman poet Laureate for the nation because there was a woman \_\_\_\_\_.
24. "As the prisoners think of \_\_\_\_\_, as the dying think of heaven so I think of you."
25. Sonnets from the Portuguese are in \_\_\_\_\_; they take us through her evolution of thinking and her emotions on this experience of falling in love.
26. "If thou must love me, let it be for naught except for love's \_\_\_\_\_ only."
27. EBB has no trouble exploring her \_\_\_\_\_ and under-confidences in her romantic relationship.
28. "Let us stay rather on earth, \_\_\_\_\_,"
29. But what we notice more than the rhyme change is the \_\_\_\_\_ change.
30. "I shall but love thee better after \_\_\_\_\_."
31. Again, there is a lot of religious and \_\_\_\_\_ imagery- it even alludes to the Bible.
32. "How she looks now, how perfectly \_\_\_\_\_."
33. While he was in \_\_\_\_\_, he caught a cold and died on December 12, 1878.