

# I Cannot Remember My Mother

This poem written by Rabindranath Tagore is for his beloved mother remembering her after she has died. He is remembering her song, her fragrance and her gaze. He feels her presence everywhere.

## READ AND UNDERSTAND

- ▶ Read aloud the poem, clearly keeping its mood and rhythm in mind.
- ▶ Explain the poem, words and phrases, e.g., a tune seems to hover over my playthings, the scent of the morning service, send my eyes, etc.
- ▶ Students can learn the poem and recite it. Correct them where required.

**Outcome:** Reading and reciting; understanding; learning word meanings, spellings.

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- ▶ Exercise A: Ask one question at a time. Instruct the students to reply in complete sentences. Correct them where required.
- ▶ Exercise B to F: Students can do it on their own. The teacher can announce correct answers and students can check their work.

**Outcome:** Understanding; answering questions orally; synonyms; sentences; composing poetry.