

THE CRY OF CHILDREN

Introduction:

About the poet: *Elizabeth Barrett Browning* (1806-1861) was a great poet of English language of the Victorian era popular in Britain and the United States during the lifetime. She was born in County Durham. She was the eldest of the twelve children. She wrote poetry from the age of eleven. Her first adult collection of poems was published in 1838 and she wrote prolifically between 1841 and 1844. *Sonnets from the Portuguese, Aurora, Leigh, The Seraphim* and other poems are some of her worked. She married Robert Browning, a famous English poet and moved to Italy. Most of her poems deal with human emotions.

About the poem: The poem *The Cry Of The Children*, is a poem that speaks about the children suffering the terrible life they lead in child labour. The children speaks about their tired eyelids which stoops in tiredness rather than enjoying their childhood. The poet here alternates her voice and the children's voice. The poems moves the human mind pondering about the future of the children suffering the child labour. The title tells about the cry of the children and asking about the God's role in their life.