



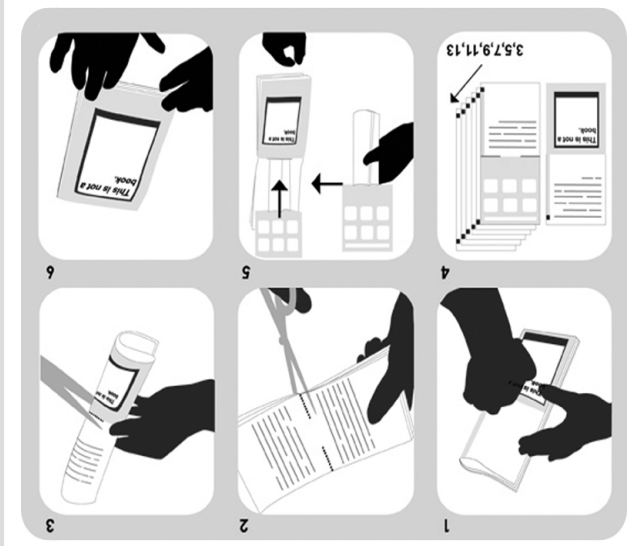
Yet not in pensive moods alone  
 Thy heart-appalling name we own  
 To love, to friendship dear;  
 Were not that name with joy combin'd,  
 Were not thy bright blue blossoms twin'd  
 With hopes as bright--thou wouldst not find  
 An honoured station here.

# Forget Me Not

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Here, then, 'mid pointed leaves of green,  
 By thy cerulean blossoms seen,  
 To grace our garden-plot;  
 Nor would we prouder flowers entwine  
 Round Friendship's or Affection's shrine,  
 Than one which can recall, like thine,  
 The words "FORGET ME NOT!"

### FORGET ME NOT.

Blossoms more rich and rare than thou  
 May twine round Beauty's graceful brow  
 In moods of sunny mirth;  
 The Rose's or the Myrtle's flower  
 Might more beseech her festive hour,  
 And give, in Pleasure's careless tower,  
 The brighter fancies birth.







And therefore would we place thee here,  
 Symbol of hopes the heart holds dear,  
 In every clime and age;  
 Thoughts lov'd in sunshine or in gloom,  
 Priz'd from the cradle to the tomb,  
 Prompt us to wreath the azure bloom  
 To deck our opening page.

But in the moments, sad, yet dear,  
 When parting wakes Affection's tear,  
 Thy stainless blossom's braid,  
 Whose NAME *forbids us to forget*,  
 Would be the chosen correct  
 Love on the loveliest brow would set  
 To crave fond Memory's aid.







Not in our volume's opening leaf  
 Should flowers which only imag'd grieve  
 A mournful emblem stand;  
 For unforgetting Love; whose light  
 Makes even sorrow's clouds look bright,  
 In joy and hope, with magic might,  
 The feeling can expand.

When "earth to earth," and "dust to dust,"  
 The lov'd, lamented, we entrust,  
 What flower may grace the spot  
 Where sleep the reliques of the dead,  
 For whom the frequent tear is shed,  
 Like thine -- which, from grave's cold bed,  
 Repeats "Forget me not!"

