

**Rosetti: (f) *Winter: My Secret* – Interpretations**

**Rossetti is speaking to a male listener, and the poem is about her relationships with - and attitudes to - men in Victorian times.**

**The poem is about the power of language and of poetry in particular.**

**The speaker is God and he has secrets which are yet to be revealed to the believer (the listener). Perhaps he is teasing the non-believer.**

**The speaker is pregnant but cannot admit it.**

**There is no secret and the poet is teasing critics who look for meanings in poems, enjoying the power of knowledge.**