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'Sonnet 43' by Elizabeth Robert Browning

Summarise what the poem is about in full sentences:

Annotate the poem with points you can remember from your initial study:

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of being and ideal grace.
I love thee to the level of every day's
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.
I love thee freely, as men strive for right.
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.
I love thee with the passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.

Complete the following questions on context:

- 1) Why is it important that Browning was a Romantic poet?
- 2) How has her love for her husband impacted this poem?
- 3) How is this shown in the poem?

Complete each analytical verb with a different idea:

- Elizabeth Robert Browning may have written the poem:
- to criticise
 - to teach
 - to warn
 - to reveal the importance of
 - to celebrate

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Annotate the following quotations by answering the questions for each:

- 1) What does the line mean?
- 2) What does the line suggest?
- 3) How has Browning used language to present her love for her husband?

'How do I love thee?'

'My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight'

*'I love thee freely, as men strive for right.
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.
I love thee with the passion put to use'*

'I shall but love thee better after death.'

How does Elizabeth Robert Browning present her love in this poem?

Answer in full sentences.