5 Station Road
Birchington on Sea.
Saturday.

Dear Mr Shields

I am very glad you sent me notes of your beautiful light. So these I added notes of its fellow, and the whole is already at the Vicarage. I trust Mr. Alcock will be well able now to correct his "diocesan" paragraph, and he of course knows how long or how short to make it.

But it is so sad that you should be so sorely depressed and harassed. You have my Mother's warm sympathy, and we join in hoping that the steam engine may shortly have done, and that your own health and spirits may revive. And Mrs Shields's too; neither can be expected to become quite bright and happy without the other.

We fully expect to get home next Tuesday, and there your or your letters will find us. I sat in Church today, making notes from the window then and there under my eyes, – for I would not trust to my mere memory in writing for Mr Aleock. And we visited the dear grave, and put my Mother's last flowers upon it.

Always very truly yours
Christina G. Rossetti.

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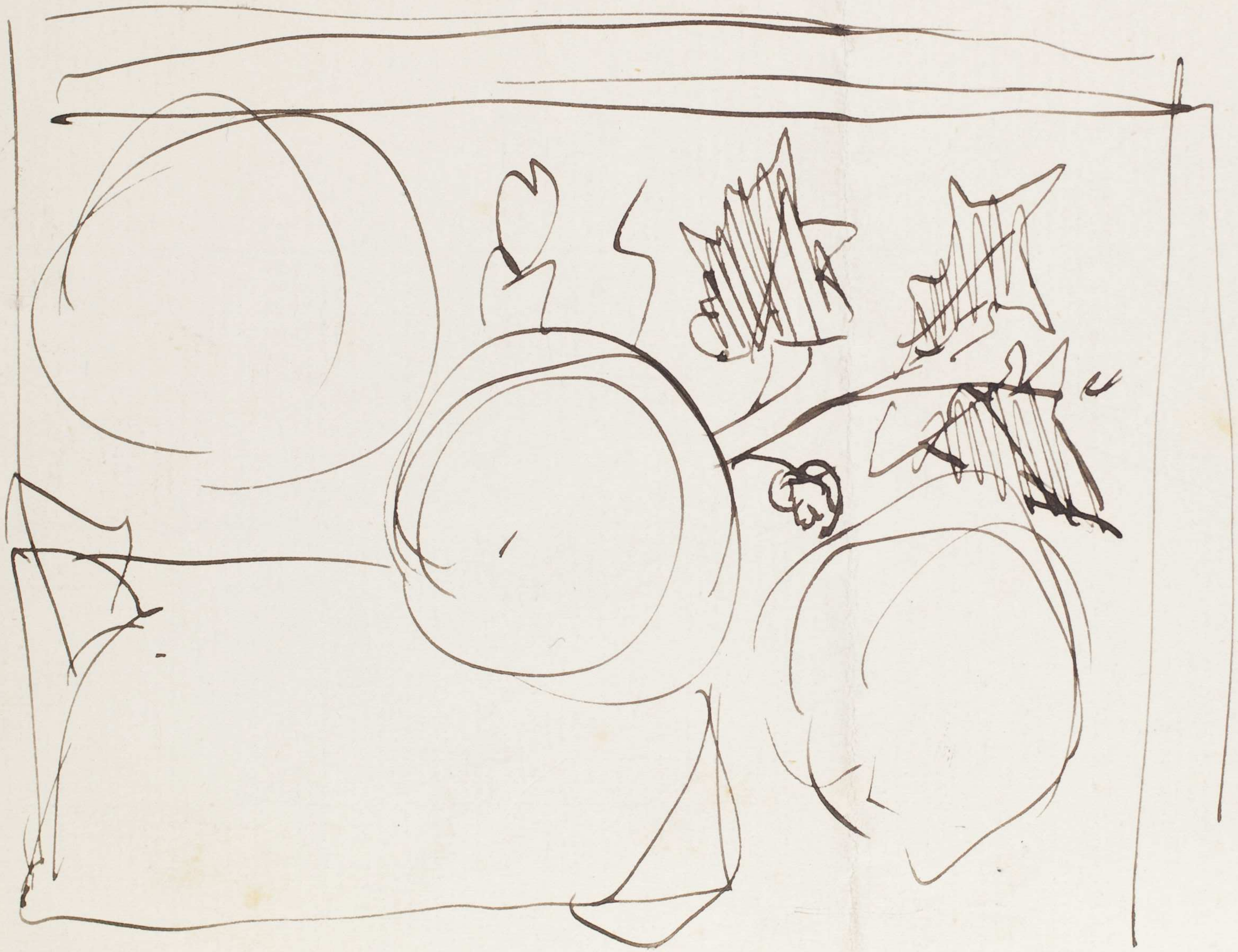

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