

## Selected Story.

### HER LAST SONG.

BY ELIZABETH STUART PHELPS.

(Concluded.)

The storm set in hard toward midnight. It beats heavily here upon the office windows, as you see, ma'am; and we get a pretty clean sweep of the wind on account of the streets running to the wharves. I sent down once to ask how Doherty seemed; but the officer reported that she was quiet, and he wished the rest were. They'd all set in, men and women, he said, in concert, crying out, "Sing us to sleep, Doherty!"

Pretty soon she began. I could hear her plain above the roaring of the storm, she began—Doherty began—that—that poor—miserable—creature—she had once been a woman like other women folks—excuse me, ma'am; but she'd been on our books a good many years. And I've heard her sing such things! I never looked to be taken by surprise, as Doherty took me. You're not surprised very easy in such a place as this at anything; our fellow-sinners do.

But about midnight, when the storm was at its thickest and the cells were growing still, Doherty, she sat up and began to sing a hymn. She sang:

"Shall we gather at the river."

My boy sings that at Sunday school and my wife, she strikes it up the first thing on the cabinet-organ, every Sunday night. Doherty sang it all through:

"At the margin of the river,  
Washing up its silver spray,  
We shall walk and worship ever,  
All the happy golden day."

Those are the words. I thought perhaps you wouldn't know them. Folks sing them a great deal in the meetings.

Before you could have cocked a pistol it was as quiet as the grave all through the place. The officers looked at one another. All the men waked up. The women, they got together in a heap about her. The Cap'n said to me: "Doherty's singing hymn tunes!" I said I thought we would go down and see, and down we went.

When we looked in at the grating, I wish ma'am, you could have seen those men—ragged, rough, red drunk. Some of 'em taken in awful crimes. No, I don't wish you had seen 'em. But there they set, as silent as a row of angels on judgment day, a listening to hear that woman sing. One and another they said: "Hush! hush!" and one fellow said: "I used to sing that song myself." He was up for assault and battery. Badly beaten, too, himself, about the face. He crept along the wall I noticed, on his knees, to get where he could hear better. When she stopped, he hollered out:—

"Give us some more, Doherty!"

And the rest said:—

"Doherty give us another psalm tune!"

But one of the women said:—

"Come, Nell. Sing us to sleep with the hymns."

So then she began again; and she gave it to 'em, one upon another, fast and clear. Heaven knows where the creature learned 'em. At some Sunday school, may be, where she'd wandered in at the holidays. They go a good deal on account of the Christmas presents.

We all got round her there—the men inside and the officers without—and listened for a while. I don't think I ever heard her sing so in all my life. Doherty had a fine voice, and no mistake. If she'd been respectably born she'd have been a great singer, that woman, I take it; and folks would have been running to the opera and to concert halls to hear her.

So there she sat and sang. She set up in one corner, with her chin upon her hands, and noticed nobody, but stared straight on before her. She sang "Nearer, my God, to Thee," and "Depth of Mercy," and she sang "I heard the Voice of Jesus say," and "Love at Home," and all those. And all the men and the women listened. And I saw the Cap'n draw his hand across his eyes. And I'll own it was too much for me—I will, indeed.

To see her there, letting out those holy words so trustfully, as you might say, ma'am, as if she had as much right to 'em as anybody—that—poor wretched—ma'am, it was enough to break your heart to hear her. I couldn't help remembering how pretty she had been and young, and how she took on the first night she ever came to us.

Pretty soon I come away up-stairs—for she unmanned me so, before the men; and I set it down here and had it out alone. But while I was sitting here I heard a hull, and one of the Irish boys called out:

"Give us one more, Doherty! Then ye can take yer sleep yerself."

And then, ma'am, she began, quite

low and in a faint voice and very sweet, and she sang:

"Jesus, lover of my soul."

She sang in this way, singing louder now and then—

"Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the billows near me roll,  
Hide me, O Thou Saviour, hide!"

And in the midst of the verse she stopped. The men called to her, and the Cap'n said:

"Give us the rest, Nell!"

I was rather glad to call her Nell just then; for when we got in, wondering what it all meant and hushing up the women, ma'am as best we could, we found her lying turned a little on her side, with her face against the wall, quite dead.

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