

SHAMEEN.

"Ah, nusha, Larry," said the man on the other side of the long car to our driver, "did you hear that James Harley was dead? The news came to Miss Dempsey at the post-office from her brother in Cincinnati."

months after Shameen left, an 'm' thinkin' it was the thought of his kiss an' his arms about her brought the pretty color in her cheeks. Ocho, the blight came on as it might on the same little red rose. Less than two years after Shameen went, they buried her. I wonder whether he ever heard. Anyhow, from that day to this no word of mouth or letter came from him. But, sure, he's spoken; the word now. God is good; an' I'll go bail the love that never was spoken between them on earth was told out full an' free when she ran to meet him, the darlin', over the pavement of Heaven."

"Shelia, me honey, do you remember Shameen? Ah! poor Shameen's dead! An' sure, it was many a long an' hard road he lightened for you with the lift of a song. He made your heart beat so light you never felt the load. But he's done singin' on earth long ago, Sheila."

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