



OPHELIA, THE ROSE OF ELSINORE

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by Mary Cowden Clarke (1809 – 1898)

This story is from Mary Cowden Clarke's multi-volume work *The Girlhood of Shakespeare's Heroines*, in which she imagined the early lives of characters from Portia to Beatrice to Lady Macbeth. In her depiction of Ophelia from *Hamlet*, she creates a backstory for Shakespeare's tragic heroine, from her infancy to just before the action of *Hamlet* begins.

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