

☞ • TALES IN CONCERT • ☞

Solo Performances by Michèle LaRue

Authors in alphabetical order, and their stories:

Alice Brown	Heartsease Heman's Ma
H. C. Bunner	The Nice People The Tenor
Kate Chopin	A Pair of Silk Stockings The Story of an Hour
Annie Hamilton Donnell	The Minister
Edna Ferber	Representing T. A. Buck
Dorothy Canfield Fisher	The Bedquilt
Mary E. Wilkins Freeman	The Apple Tree The Balsam Fir The Christmas Sing in Our Village A Gala Dress Louisa A Quilting Bee in Our Village The Revolt of Mother The Shadows on the Wall The Winning Lady
Bret Harte	Dick Spindler's Family Christmas
O. Henry	Extradited from Bohemia The Gift of the Magi The Lickpenny Lover The Rathskeller & the Rose Transients in Arcadia

Sarah Orne Jewett

Miss Esther's Guest
A Winter Courtship

Elia W. Peattie

The House That Was Not
The Three Johns
Their Dear Little Ghost

Elsie Singmaster

Gettysburg: One Woman's War

Thomas Bangs Thorpe

A Piano in Arkansas

Edith Wharton

Roman Fever

Edith Wyatt

The Parent's Assistant
A Question of Service
Trade Winds

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Stories in alphabetical order:

A Gala Dress

Two sisters guard a time-worn secret.
(1888)

A Pair of Silk Stockings

A single mom's impromptu holiday.
(1894)

A Piano in Arkansas

Hardscrabble gets its first Piano ... whatever that is.
(1854)

A Question of Service

A fireman's heroics win a shop girl's heart.
(1901)

A Quilting Bee in Our Village

“Will it ever be possible in our village
to attain absolute rest and completion with regard to . . . quilts.”
(1898)

A Winter Courtship

A cold day's journey detours to an unexpected destination.
(1890)

Dick Spindler's Family Christmas

On the frontier, family is where you make it.
(1894)

Extradited from Bohemia

Miss Medora leaves the farm to seek her Muse.
(1908)

Gettysburg: One Woman's War

Townswoman Mary Bowman lives the war and its legacy—
from the cannon's first roar to its echoes a half century on.
(1913)

Heartsease

Old Mis' Lamson's precious holiday.
(1895)

Heman's Ma

A country concert—and one step too many—unite two would-be lovers.
(1886)

Louisa

Neither a schoolteacher nor a caregiver be: ousted from one, miserable
in the other, Louisa Britton finds an “unwomanly” solution.
(1891)

Miss Esther's Guest

... is not the one she asked for.
(1893)

Representing T. A. Buck

Will a crackerjack saleswoman trade success for a rolling pin?
(1913)

Roman Fever

On a balcony above the Forum, revelations of long-held secrets
redefine the present and transform the future.
(1934)

The Apple Tree

A celebration of spring and poor housekeeping.
(1903)

The Balsam Fir

When a neighbor trespasses, Martha receives
“the great Christmas present of her life.”
(1903)

The Bedquilt

“...she never knew how her great idea came to her...”
(1906)

The Christmas Sing in Our Village

Memories, music, and romantic mayhem.
(1898)

The Gift of the Magi

O. Henry’s Christmas classic, in which love’s foolishness grows to wisdom.
(1906)

The House That Was Not

Ghostly sights on the Prairie.
(1898)

The Lickpenny Lover

There, were 3,000 girls in the Biggest Store. One day
Irving Carter, millionaire, traveller, poet, happened to enter.
(1908)

The Minister

Church ladies in a tizzy.
(1900)

The Nice People

...indeed they are ...but—gossip grows at a summer resort.
(1890)

The Parent's Assistant

Mrs. Porter joins a Club and writes a Paper.
(1901)

The Rathskeller and the Rose

Broadway plucks a Blossom ... and gets pricked.
(1908)

The Revolt of Mother

When Father builds a barn, it's the last straw for Mother.
(1891)

The Shadows on the Wall

Sudden death, family secrets ... and things that go bump in the night.
(1903)

The Story of an Hour

Life changes in an instant.
(1894)

The Tenor

Music doth not always soothe.
(1890)

The Three Johns

Facing hardship, building community, and finding love on the frontier.
(1891)

The Winning Lady

A proper matron cheats at bridge!
(1909)

Their Dear Little Ghost

"The fairies hate noise," whispered my little godchild.
(1898)

Trade Winds

Progress, heartbreak, and healing on Halsted Street.
(1901)

Transients in Arcadia

"There is a hotel on Broadway that has escaped discovery ..."
(1908)

✂ • SEASONAL & THEMATIC GROUPINGS • ✂

SPRING:

The Apple Tree

MARCH, WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:

Women Breaking Loose (1 hour)—Pair of Silk Stockings and
Representing T. A. Buck

Women Breaking Loose (40 minutes) —Heartsease and
The Rathskeller & the Rose

The Bedquilt

The Revolt of Mother

Louisa

Roman Fever

Gettysburg—One Woman's War

SUMMER:

My Summer Vacation—The Nice People & Miss Esther's Guest

Summertime Sleuthing—Transients in Arcadia & Miss Esther's Guest

FOURTH OF JULY:

The Gala Dress

AUGUST 26, WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY:

Representing T. A. Buck

The Revolt of Mother

Louisa

Gettysburg—One Woman's War

HALLOWEEN HAUNTINGS:

The Shadows on the Wall

The House That Was Not

THANKSGIVING:

The Apple Tree

CHRISTMAS & THE HOLIDAYS:

universal tales of giving and of family

The Balsam Fir

Dick Spindler's Family Christmas

A Christmas Stocking—four stories

The Gift of the Magi

WINTER:

Heman's Ma

A Winter Journey

OUT OF HER SPHERE:

Representing T. A. Buck

The Parent's Assistant

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING:

Heartsease

The Apple Tree

BEST-LAID PLANS:

A Pair of Silk Stockings
The Apple Tree

**EVERY ONE HIS OWN WAY—
THE CHICAGO STORIES OF EDITH WYATT:**

Trade Winds
The Parent's Assistant
A Question of Service

SENIORS:

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The Bedquilt
The Balsam Fir
The Revolt of Mother
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