

# **The Story of an Hour**

The short story “The Story of an Hour” by Kate Chopin deals with a woman with heart problems and the apparent decease of her husband.

It begins with the sister and a friend of the protagonist’s husband, telling her, that he died in a railroad accident. After taking in the information and crying into her sisters arms, the woman then retreats into her chambers and takes a seat. She takes in the impressions of outside the house through an open window and then suddenly accepts the loss like an illumination of disgrief. After she shooed her sister away, who was asking her to open the door, the woman continues to take in the new life. Suddenly her husband comes home, unharmed, since he was not involved in the accident. His friend fails to cover him from her sight and the woman dies of heart disease.