

Lowell National Historical Park



Lucy Larcom



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Born: March 5, 1824 in Beverly, Massachusetts

Died: April 17, 1893 in Boston, Massachusetts

Lucy Larcom moved to Lowell in 1835 and worked in Lowell's textile mills before becoming a teacher and a poet. A strong abolitionist, when war broke out in 1861 she wrote, "It was the only time in my life that I ever thought I would rather be a man than a woman that I might go and fight and perhaps die for my country and freedom. I had to content myself with knitting army blue socks and writing verses."