

A Sherlockian Toast (posted 2021-2-7)

A toast to Miss Edith Woodley
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Miss Edith Woodley, of Carstairs, whose engagement was broken.
One of many named in the Canon who have never spoken.

Like Mr. Murray and Sir John Hardy who at cards they were cheated.
We're left to wonder why Adair left her and was she mistreated?

She joined countless others in stories who appeared for a second.
They all helped fill a chapter each time Conan Doyle beckoned.

Who were they? What were they like? Happy or Sad?
Not knowing their life story sometimes makes me mad.

Poisoner Morgan, strangler Parker, and that sculptor from Grenoble
With every Dr. Watson tale I read, my list of names grows global.

Their back stories are missing and we won't ever learn their fate.
Leaving questions unanswered, like, did Edith find a new mate?

To Miss Woodley and all others who appeared in minor roles.
It's left to our imagination to fill their backgrounds' holes.

Please raise your glass to Miss Woodley.

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