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An Unknown Scarlet Letter

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A scarlet letter on her heart!
Deep in red and darkly stitched.
She carries it to everywhere,
From the polluted market place
To the most holy Church.

It's almost four years now!
She holds it so close to her heart,
It's a dark mark that torn her pure heart,
She veiled it with her smiling art,
So that no one could trace that ugly part.

She saw many and heard many-
Voices that have shades of love and of virtues,
Shades of cries and some shattered lives.
She praised many and consoled many,
She whispered courage to every fragile hearts.

Still no one knows her mark of shame!
She veiled it with her smiling art,
So that no one could trace that ugly part.

(Footnote: The concept of Scarlet letter (A-adultery) is taken from Nathaniel Hawthorne's famous novel *The Scarlet Letter*.)