

Lorelei

A long, long time ago in the Rhine valley, there lived a young, beautiful woman. She had been betrayed by her boyfriend. She looked for help and asked the bishop. But he didn't know how to help her and told three knights to take her to a monastery.

Her last wish was to visit the rock near the river Rhine where she could sing and admire one more time the castle of her sweetheart. There she saw a boat with a pretty skipper and she promised his love. But suddenly she fell herself in the wild river and with her the knights. For donkey's years the gorgeous Lorelei sat near the Rhine. She was still waiting and was singing a wondrous tune. And if a mariner appears, he looks at her with admiration. Even if the waves devour him, then it was the Lorelei, because she fascinated people just look at her.

Setting

The river Rhine is calm, the area is cold and dark, because the sun is setting. Besides the river is surrounded by hills, that shine in the sun. The Lorelei rock is the highest mountain of the range. In the water there are rocky reefs, the river itself is spacious and very deep. On the river bank is a little forest. When you shout into the mountains there will be an echo. The legend is set in the 15th or 16th century and goes back to the Middle Ages.

Characterisation

The legendary character Lorelei is a female creature who impresses the captains on the Rhine with her voice and her beauty. The captains lose control over their ships. She bewitches the men with her long and golden hair and her kind face and her wild eyes, which are calm at the same time. Her red-white cheeks underline her face, which is often signed by sorrow about her unfaithful husband. She has got golden jewels and looks very pretty, but for all that she doesn't see any sense in her life and wants to die because her husband cheated on her. Lorelei doesn't speak a lot and prefers to watch the sunset over the Rhine. She only sits on the rock where she can look at the Rhine. All in all Lorelei is a graceful creature who wants to kill herself because of her sorrow.