

Stories for Lipreading



[The Last One by Pat Kelly - Setting the Scene](#)

This story opens with a woman recalling a terrifying, life-threatening event from her childhood. As she does so, she reveals an extraordinary secret that only she and her husband know.

Helpful Vocabulary and Phrases

Jaw snapped
Head
Rifle
Soak
Stabbed
Appear dead, like the rest
He'd hurt me to save me
Fell in love with Pavel
Hospital
Wounded officers
Sisters in 1914
Talented artist
Years later
Imprisonment, I scandalised my parents
Kissing
Scorned me
Disloyal
Abandoning his career
Good life in this gentle place
Took us into their hearts
The sea glistens in the distance
Pastures
Cows are gathered patiently by the gate
Milk them
Our girls
Last night
Ancient chapel
It's the custom here
Melodious Irish
Catholic hymns
Holy place
His name
Simply Paul and Mary
Died as a baby from the sickness of the blood
Son will lie together
Same kind soil
It's time. Straightening my hat

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Gloves
Diamonds
Brilliant stream
Icicles of my childhood
Encircled
Neck
Hide
Newspaper clippings
Cuttings
I still have
Small window of my television set
When I'm dead
Solicitor, safely sealed
Night of slaughter
Heroism
Caring strangers
Pavel's drawing
Seventy years