We Never Speak Her Name - song lyrics

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WE NEVER SPEAK HER NAME.
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We never speak her Dame again, she left us long ago,
And filled her parents' hearts with grief the world will never know;
She was the pride and light of home, our idol and our joy.
We little dreamed unhappy fate would all our hopes destroy.
She was too trusting, and one hour to her the tempter spoke;
One summer day she left us, and her mother's heart she broke.
Her father bowed his head in grief and then our trials came;
Although 'tis many years since then, we never speak her name.

Chorus.
We mourned for her, we hoped for her, we sought for her each day,
We prayed that Heaven would pity her, the one who went astray;
We see her sweet face In our dreams, and love her just the same,
But for her dear old mother's sake, we never speak her name.

As still we gather 'round the hearth, her name is never heard,
Yet as we think of by-gone days, sweet memories are stirred;
Long years we sought for her return, to meet her once ugain,
We waited for the missing one, alas, 'twas all in vain;
She nevermore returned to us, her place no one can fill.
The merry voice is silent now that once would ever thrill.
She died heart-broken, and they said she wasn't all to blame;
But we have pardoned her, although we never speak her name.-Chorus.