



Dora Sigerson Shorter (Posthumous Portrait)

Date

post 1918

Primary Maker

Sir John Lavery

Medium

Oil on canvas

Dimensions

101.7 x 76.2 cm

Description

This is a three-quarter length portrait of a woman, Dora Sigerson Shorter. She is facing right and stares vacantly, without engaging the viewer. She is wearing a black dress with a wide white lace collar and lace cuffs. She appears

to be sitting on a park bench with foliage all around. She is holding something in her left hand; it looks like a small metallic cylinder attached to a piece of paper. Dora Sigerson (1866 - 1918) was an Irish poet, who after her marriage in 1895 wrote under the name Dora Sigerson Shorter. She born in Dublin, daughter of George Sigerson, a surgeon and writer, and Hester (nee Varian) also a writer. She was a major figure of the Irish Literary revival, publishing many collections of poetry from 1893; and a close friend of Katharine Tynan. Her husband was Clement Shorter, an English journalist; they lived in London.