



Narrator 1
and **Annie:** Smack, slurp, crunch, guzzle!

Captain Keller: “We can’t go on like this! The poor child has made a mess of our dinner again.”

Narrator 2
and **Helen:** Clank, chomp, grunt!

Captain Keller: “She won’t sit at the table. Instead she whirls around and sticks her hands into the food on our plates!”

Narrator 1
and **Annie:** Thud, splash, smash, gobble!

Mrs. Keller: “Darling, Helen is unhappy, too. If only we could find a way to help our daughter.”

Annie: This was a very familiar scene at the Keller’s home.

Act 2

Helen: I was born in 1880.

Mrs. Keller: “It’s a girl, and she’s absolutely beautiful!”

Captain Keller: “We will name her Helen after your mother.”

Narrator 1: Helen was a lively baby.

Narrator 2: And the apple of her parent’s eye!

Mrs. Keller: “Can you hear what she’s saying?”

Helen: “How do you do? Tea! Tea!”

Captain Keller: “Pretty smart for a one year old! Give this child some tea!”



Helen: But tragedy struck when I was 19 months old.

Narrator 2: Helen became very ill with a high fever.

Mrs. Keller: Our doctor called it “brain fever.”

Narrator 1: Helen was sick for many days.

Helen: My mother sat by my bed and tried to ease my pain.

Mrs. Keller: “Dear Helen, Mommy’s here.”

Narrator 2: Mrs. Keller was out of her mind with worry. The doctor did not expect the child to live.



Annie: Suddenly the fever passed.

Captain Keller: “We shouldn’t get our hopes up. Remember what the doctor said.”

Narrator 1: Then Helen fell into a deep, peaceful sleep.

Annie: The Kellers were thrilled that their tiny daughter had survived!

Captain Keller: Our celebration was short. In a few days, we realized that something was very wrong with Helen.

Helen: Mother saw that I did not respond to the loud ring of the dinner bell.

Mrs. Keller: “Helen! Helen! Can you hear me?”

Annie: Mrs. Keller moved her hand in front of Helen’s face and saw that her child’s eyes did not blink or shut.

Mrs. Keller: “Darling, come quick! Something is wrong with Helen!”

Narrator 2: The Kellers were stunned.

Narrator 1: Helen was both blind and deaf.