Mary Ann

Miss, Spinster, Mistress, Mrs.

Dutiful, moral, courageous, independent and an intellectual.

Lover of books, music, languages and the way of life.

Who believed in analysing and generalising experience, an instinctive abstract thinker inspired by what she thought not by what she felt or fancied.

Who wanted love from only one man Herbert Spencer, but was only ever loved by George Henry Lewes and married to one other Johnny Cross.

Who used penmanship to become famous from the first book of short stories, *Scenes of Clerical Life* and then a novel by the name of *Adam Bede*.

Who gave away her name to become known as a man, but not to fool Charles Dickens who accused this author of being a woman.

Who knows so well how to create an image and said, “Haven’t all of us sobbed so piteously standing with tiny bare legs above our little socks when we lost sight of our mother?”

Evans

Oh forgive me please, I mean George Eliot.

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