

Laura Bridgman

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Laura Bridgman was the first Deafblind person to receive a successful, formal education. Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe, the first director of Perkins School for the Blind, was her mentor.

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1. Laura Bridgman tried to find the love buried deep within her heart  
But it took some time before she even had a start.  
She was locked in her own world until someone came along with the key.
2. Laura would be locked within her world of darkness forever  
Because no one had the means to enter in.  
She wanted life but didn't know how to get it  
The lock upon the door was hidden from the key.

(Bridge)

Then the doctor acted in a manner that seemed cruel.  
But through the strife he chipped away to the lock upon the door  
And helped her to step through.

3. Laura grew on that day by leaps and bounds and found the joy of living.  
She and Doctor Howe had started out a new day for  
Deaf Blind people, to see that they could grow,  
If they could just find their key.

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Laura and Doctor Howe helped them to be free.