

KATE SULLIVAN

Mrs. Sullivan wanted her daughter Kate to take piano lessons and grow up to be a good wife and mother and teach Latin on the side. Kate did all those things but she had some trouble with a short attention span so she also learned French, Spanish and German and took up writing prose and poetry, then started to paint. Her mother definitely underestimated the ultimate power that music had over Kate and the entire Sullivan clan, what with the family constantly singing around the piano, memorizing favorite musicals. And let's not forget her father's love of the magic of words, nor his ever-present violin at parties.

Thus began a long-stewing, slow simmering (all the good Irishmen are late bloomers) of a lifetime of fiddling around with words and music and painting. (Actually, nobody in the family had ever tried painting. She made that one up.)

What with increased life expectancy, hopefully Kate will have the chance to become a world class composer or a Pulitzer something-or-other. If not, there's always the Latin teaching to fall back on.