Sarah Forbes Bonetta

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Who was Sarah Forbes Bonetta?

Born in 1843 and was the daughter of yoruba chief and became a slave after being orphaned during the Okeadon war.

She was rescued by Captin frederick E Forbes and was 'given' to queen Victoria as a 'gift'. The queen took very good care of her and protected he for all her life.

How did she get her name?

Originally she was called Ania, but on her journey to England she was given the name Sarah by Captin Forbes, Forbes after the captain and Bonetta was the ship she travelled on.

As Sarah got older the queen was very Impressed by how Accademic Sarah was. She loved and studied Art, music, and literature. With regular visits to Windsor castle, she became admired by many who were fascinated by her genius.

She married and had Children, who were also welcomed to the Royal family. She even named her Daughter Victoria, after the Queen, who was the childs Godmother. When Sarah died in 1880 the queen was very upset and promised to look after Victoria, as she had Sarah.