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Veronica Micle(22 April 1850 - 3 August 1889)

Veronica Micle (born Ana Câmpeanu) was an Imperial Austrian-born Romanian poet, whose work was influenced by Romanticism. She is best known for her love affair with the poet ["Mihai Eminescu"](#)

Biography

Born in Nasaud, Micle was the second child of the shoemaker Ilie Câmpeanu and his wife Ana. She was born to him posthumously: Ilie died in 1849, taking two bullets to the chest while fighting under Avram Iancu against the Hungarian revolutionaries. Her mother went to Moldavia, settling in Târgu Neamt in 1850 and in Iași in 1853. Ana went to primary school (during which she began using the name Veronica) and to the Iași Central School for Girls, which she graduated in June 1863. Her graduation exam proctor was the Rector of the University of Iași, Professor Ștefan Micle. They fell in love and on August 7, 1864, at the Bob Church, Cluj, she married Micle, thirty years her senior. She had two daughters: Virginia, a poet who married Eduard Gruber, and Valeria, an opera singer who used the name Hilda professionally.

In March 1872, in Vienna, she met Eminescu, beginning a relationship that would last for the rest of their lives. At first he would visit the literary salon that she hosted. Their friendship had become love sometime between 1875, when they started dedicating poems to each other, and 1878 (sources vary). Their romance went through several ups and downs—for instance, Eminescu left for Bucharest in 1877 to edit *Timpul* and that year Micle published poems in which she expressed her sadness at being left behind. Her husband died in 1879, leaving her rather poor. She came to Bucharest to seek a pension and Eminescu publicly called her his fiancée, but further stresses intervened (including a stillborn child in May 1880) and while he took up the subject again in 1881, he was diagnosed with syphilis in 1883. In 1887, she moved to Bucharest in an effort to keep up Eminescu's spirits. After his death in June 1889, she retired to Varatec Monastery, where she put together a volume called *Dragoste și Poezie* (Love and Poetry), in which she included poems of her own and those of Eminescu dedicated to her, to which she added commentary. A shaken Micle took arsenic not two months after Eminescu's death. She is buried on the monastery grounds, in Varatec. Her house in Târgu Neamt, given to her by her parents as a wedding dowry and which she donated to the monastery in 1886, is now a museum.

Literary activity

Micle made her publishing debut in *Noul Curier Român* (NCR) in 1872, with two romantic sketches published under the pen-name Corina. She published her poems, influenced by Eminescu, in *Columna Lui Traian* in 1874 and in *Convorbiri Literare* the following year. She also contributed to *Familia* (from 1879), *Revista Noua* and *Revista Literara*. Additionally, a volume containing 93 of Eminescu's letters to Micle and 15 of her replies was published in 2000.

Ah! Du-Te...

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Albastrelele

Veronica Micle

Am Plecat...

Veronica Micle

Aubade

Veronica Micle

Ca Astazi...

Veronica Micle

Când Îmi Plec

Veronica Micle

De Ce-Ti Mai Numeri Anii...

Veronica Micle

De-Ai Sti...

Veronica Micle

Dialog Liric

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Drag Mi-Ai Fost...

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Frumoasa, Sfânta Poezie

Veronica Micle

Fugi

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Glasul Durerei

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În Cenușă

Veronica Micle

În Dorul Meu

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It's Gone

It's gone, the yearning in my heart
You're longtime now forgotten;
The days are crawling, torn apart,
All pale, and cold, and rotten.

Yet love, be it one tender ray,
Life into them would pour.
But gone's my longing, gone away
And I can love no more.

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Lacrime Si Lacrime

Veronica Micle

Lânga Leagan

Veronica Micle

Lui X

Veronica Micle

Lumea Mare...

Veronica Micle

Nu Esti Tu...

Veronica Micle

Nu Plânge...

Veronica Micle

Pasare Cu Pene Albastre

Veronica Micle

Pe-Al Meu Gând...

Veronica Micle

Raze De Luna

Veronica Micle

Sa Pot Întinde Mâna...

Veronica Micle

Si Cum S-A Stins...

Veronica Micle

Si Daca-Un Dor...

Veronica Micle

Si Ura Si Iubirea

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Sterge-Ti Lacrima...

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Sunt Lacrimioarele-Nflorite...

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