

Sinead Oconnor

"The Mad Lady And Me"

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A Cristy Moore song of which Sinead did the background vocals, on Moore's album "Voyage"
Original written by Jimmy MacCarthy

among the walls and ruins
of the horrid civic stone
I walked without a lover
for my older bones

the sun was strong in going down
It was a dreamlike day
it was there we met the trinity
and there I heard them saying

and she said bye bye Mama
Goodbye brother John
Farethee well ye Shandon bells
ring on, ring on

she leaned and leaned much closer
and she hugs them all goodbye
her mother cried "don't go my love"
we all must bye and bye
a drunken tongue said "leave her off"
she'll drive us all crazy
she turned around and saw my face
and both of us was she

and she said bye bye Mama
Goodbye brother John
Farethee well ye Shandon bells
ring on, ring on

up and to the limestone wall
and down the level steps
she threw herself into the stream
witha spash and no regrets
side stroke swimming midstream
throwing kisses to the crowd
and everything was silent
and the sky had not one cloud

and she said bye bye Mama
Goodbye brother John
Farethee well ye Shandon bells
ring on, ring on

we were swimming out in the sunset,
we were swimming out to sea,
swimming down by the Opera House
The Mad Lady and me.

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