

The Madwoman of Cork

Today
Is the feast day of Saint Anne
Pray for me
I am the madwoman of _____.

Yesterday
In Castle Street
I saw two goblins at my _____
I saw a horse without a head
Carrying the dead
To the _____
Near Turner's cross.

I am the _____ of Cork
No one talks to me.

When I walk in the rain
The children throw _____ at me
Old men persecute me
And women close their doors.
When I die
Believe me
They'll set me on _____.

I am the madwoman of Cork
I have no sense.

Sometimes
With an eagle in my brain
I can see a _____
Crashing at the station.
If I told people that
They'd choke me -
Then where would I _____?

I am the madwoman of Cork
The people hate me.

When Canon Murphy died
I wept on his grave
That was twenty-five years ago.
When I saw him just now
In Dunbar _____
He had clay in his teeth
He blessed me.

I am the madwoman of Cork
The clergy pity me.

I see death
In the _____ of a tree
Birth in the feathers of a bird.
To see a child with one eye
Or a woman buried in ice
Is the worst thing
And cannot be imagined

I am the madwoman of Cork
My mind fills me.

I should like to be _____
To dress up in silk
And have nine _____.
I'd like to have red lips
But I'm eighty years old
I have nothing
But a small house with no _____

I am the madwoman of Cork
Go away from me.

And if I die now
Don't touch me.
I want to sail in a long _____
From here to Roche's Point
And there I will anoint the sea
With oil of alabaster.

I am the Madwoman of Cork
And to-day is the _____ day of
Saint Anne.
Feed me.

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