

## **Mad Wet Sea – Lullaby**

Lullaby is the second single from The Sirens Call EP by Mad Wet Sea. It is not the conventional lullaby we are used to, most famously heard in Weigenlied / Cradle Song by Johannes Brahms, but a message, a message from the God of War.

Mad Wet Sea have been inspired by Norse legend. Odin, the God of War and Death would listen to the cries of pain, anguish, devastation before those afflicted would die. As the band say, 'Your last breath is sacred just before you die'. Clearly the God Of War has had a busy time.

The other obvious contrast to the normal lullaby is the style of music and delivery of the vocal. Faith No More would be proud of the start of this song. Guitars and drums crash into a fast-heavy rock repeated pattern which provide the perfect soundscape to build the vocal line. This vocal technique is called sprechgesang in which the lyrics are used in a rhythmic form, somewhere between speech and singing. As the song is telling a story it is an effective way to get the story or message across to the listener.

This leads into a superb and catchy chorus, you can imagine the band's fans, fists clenched in the air, singing along to this. An added harmony to the main vocal adds to the sense that we can all join in.

A classic guitar solo brilliantly played with lots of scalic passages leads back to the chorus.

Brilliant song, brilliant band.

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