Lidiana Portales

Ophelia's Sonnet

How now world, hast thou suddenly gone mad?

Lost thy sense and left thy children orphaned;

No king, no father, no Hamlet to be had,

And I forgotten for myself to fend?

Hey nonny nonny, the violets are gone,

Innocence withered when my father died;

Fathers know the faithful hearts daughters don,

Yet not the foolish frailty maid's hearts hide.

A maid in, by St. Valentine, out no more.

Dear, mad Hamlet, honey I sucked from musicked vows,

And now to a nunnery I must for,

That I to newborn sinners never house.

'May God the half mad answer their sad psalms

And cool their heat with water's blessed balms