

PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / Picture / **Lyric**Date 1/31/14Title "Madness"Author / Director / Muse

## Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

First heard at volleyball practice when my coach turned on his favorite playlist, listened to it a lot since

## Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc? )

This song is about a man realizing what his significant other truly means to him. It is a song about love, and understanding what it takes to build and support love. It does it in an interesting way, describing love as madness, which is very true in a sense. Love is madness. The singer brings up trying to forget the past, but not succeeding. He sees the past as madness, and he realizes what he needs to make love last. He refers quite a few times to "seeing the light at the end." The pinnacle of the song is when the line "I need your love" is sung. It is the loudest, most heartfelt, and most powerfully sung lyric in the song, and it means a lot.

## Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

The theme of this song is realization. A key visual is the light at the end of the tunnel, and this is used multiple times to describe the singer's epiphany, the light bulb flashing on top of his head. He finally understands that love is madness, and that there will be ups, there will be downs, but either way, he must stick with it and keep pushing forward. He has done a lot of thinking, and he finally understands that he needs his lover no matter what and that he can't live without her.

## Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

The main symbol in this song is the light at the end. It is the light of wisdom and knowledge. It provides us with insight and education. In this case, it helps one realize that he or she is useless without love and without loving someone. Passion is what drives the human race forward, and if one does not have passion, then they don't appear to have a purpose or reason to be here.

## Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

I instantly loved this song the first time I heard it. This song, although it's new and modern, snuck its way onto the 80's playlist my coach always plays during practices, and ever since then, I've loved this song. This was the first Muse song I'd ever heard, and I was blown away. I love this song because of the buildup of emotion. It starts out calm, but it builds up and leads up to the passion-filled "I need your love" line. The repetitive use of "ma ma ma ma ma ma ma mad mad mad" gives an amazing overall feeling to the rhythm of the song, and the bass gives me goosebumps. This is also one of the few songs that can give me goosebumps.

## Madness

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I can't get these memories out of my mind  
And some kind of madness has started to evolve

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I

I tried so hard to let you go  
But some kind of madness is swallowing me whole, yeah

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I have finally seen the light  
And I have finally realised what you mean

And now I need to know is this real love  
Or is it just madness keeping us afloat?

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And when I look back at all the crazy fights we had  
Like some kind of madness was taking control, yeah

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And now I have finally seen the light  
And I have finally realised what you need

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But now I have finally seen the end  
(finally seen the end)  
And I'm not expecting you to care, no  
(expecting you to care)  
That I have finally seen the light  
(finally seen the light)  
And I have finally realised  
(realised)  
I need your love  
I need your love

Come to me, just in a dream  
Come on and rescue me  
Yes I know I can be wrong  
Maybe you're too headstrong  
Our love is...

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