I met a wise and holy woman near the town where I was walkin'

We both sat together down below the Yellow Furze She closed her eyes and started singing A song about the light that shines and the wonders of the world

She sang of the forests on the high high mountain
The pure clear water and the fresh air we breathe
Of the bounty we gain from natures abundance
And how the mighty oak tree grows from a little seed
Chorus:

She had an everlasting notion

The wise and holy woman had a neverending dream
As she called out to the stars glistening on the ocean
Shine a light , shine a light on me
She sang a song from the streets of San Paolo
For the homeless street children who never learned to
smile

She sang of the shrine they built to Chico Mendez Where the plantation workers laid his body in the soil She sang of the greed we display before our altars The oil soaked cormorant drowning in the tide She sang of the halting site way out beyond Clondalkin Where Ann Maughan froze to death between the dump and the railway line

Chorus

(outro versesame shape and melody as chorus)
She sang of the eagle flying high above the mountain
The otter that swam through rivers and streams
Of the lilies that bloomed and the countless wild
flowers

...and the rainbow that rose in the valley of tears.