

# Sestina for Madser

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A simple sestina written about my grandmother, fondly referred to as "Madser"

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Her house doesn't have that typical  
quintessential, baking smell of your Granny  
And the pictures aren't all old  
She's not your typical Matriarch  
Maybe because my Granny is young  
Maybe because my Granny is madser

It was only strange to call her Madser  
When I discovered it wasn't typical  
But she was very very young  
When she became my Granny  
She hadn't yet been matriarch  
She hadn't yet grown old

Her only older sister died too young  
And suddenly she felt too old  
Within twelve months she lost my Great Granny  
It took a while to get back Madser  
She grew up and tried typical  
She grew up and took over matriarch

She is a brilliant Matriarch  
Ignoring the fact she was young

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She never quite mastered typical

She still can't even manage Old

So I still call her Madser

Never ever ever Granny

She's coming to terms with being our Granny

And enjoys the perks of Matriarch

But she's most comfortable with Madser

I think it makes her feel young

Though she'll never really be old

Not while she fights typical

For a small, smiling granny, she can party like she's young

For a settled Matriarch she doesn't seem that old

But for my very own Madser, she's exactly what's typical.

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