

# Madeline

Megan Hilty

How are you doing today, Helen?

This is my string

I see that  
You were quiet in therapy this morning  
Is there anything you'd like to discuss?

Madeline's been on my mind today

No, Helen  
We're not still talking about Madeline Ashton, are we?  
She's not here  
Let's do a grounding exercise  
Can you name some things that are here?

Piece of string  
Broken chair  
Medicine  
Yummy hair  
Don't look now  
She's right there

Who?

Madeline

No, Helen  
Let's try this again, shall we?

Little scab  
Little cut  
Heavy doors  
Always shut  
Secret time  
Hey, guess what?

What?

Madeline's been on my mind today  
Madeline's haunting my head  
Madeline's spirit won't go away  
Madeline sleeps in my bed  
Madeline keeps me awake at night  
Madeline fills me with dread  
Madeline needs to go far away...

Helen!  
You have to stop this obsession or Madeline Ashton will haunt you forever!  
You must eliminate her once and for all

You're right

Huh!

Madeline needs to go far away  
Madeline needs to be dead