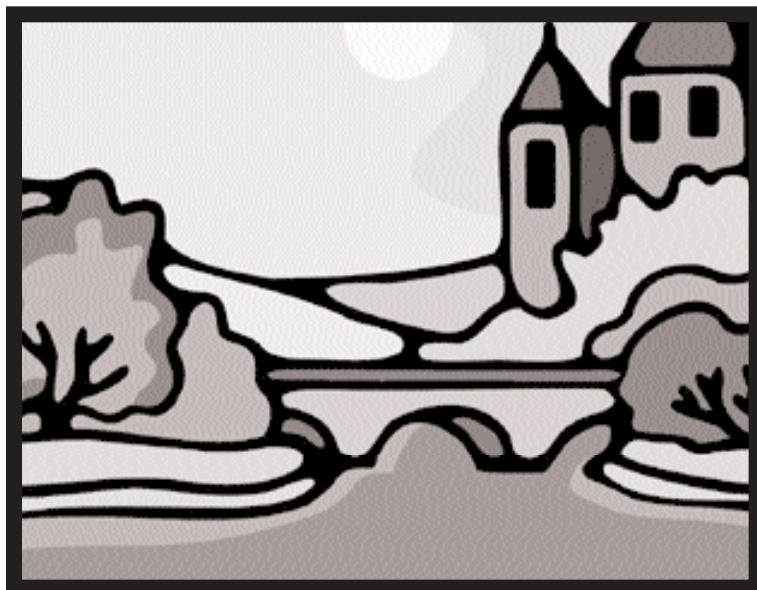


The story behind the song “Nidelven”:

Oskar Haddø was in love with a young lady in Trondheim. She didn't think Oskar was sincere about their relationship so she broke it off. He was heartbroken. One day as he walked along the bank of the River Nid, he stopped at a bridge (“den gamle bybro” – the old city bridge) and there composed this famous song, “Nidelven”. When his



beloved heard him sing the song, she knew that he was indeed sincere and agreed to accept his proposal of marriage.

Oskar Haddø was part of a group of five Norwegian underground resistance fighters called the mil org. They were captured and executed by the German Gestapo in November of 1943. At the time, Oskar's wife was expecting their first child. Not far from Nidaros Domkirke (cathedral), a monument of a mother holding a child in her arms was erected in their memory. The monument was built following the war, in memory of Haddø and many other resistance fighters, all of whom are buried in the same grave in the cathedral cemetery.

-As interpreted by Bjørn Hagen