

## Cave Nick

# "Christina The Astonishing"

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(l,m) Nick Cave  
(p) Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds  
< Nick Cave: vocals, organ; Mick Harvey: rhythm guitar, vibes,  
percussion; Blixa Bargeld: guitar; Conway Savage: piano;  
Martyn Casey: bass; Thomas Wydler: drums, congas;  
The Bad Seeds: backing vocals;  
Mick Harvey & David Blumberg: string arrangements;  
Dennis Karmazyn: cello; Bruce Dukov, Barbara Porter: violins >  
( Henry's Dream [Mute, 1992] )  
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Christina the Astonishing  
Lived a long time ago  
She was stricken with a seizure  
At the age of twenty-two  
They took her body in a coffin  
To a tiny church in Liege  
Where she sprang up from the coffin  
Just after the Agnus Dei  
She soared up to the rafters  
Perched on a beam up there  
Cried "The stink of human sin  
Is more that I can bear"  
Christina the Astonishing  
Was the most astonishing of all  
She prayed balanced on a hurdle  
Or curled up into a ball  
She fled to remote places  
Climbed towers and trees and walls  
To escape the stench of human corruption  
Into an oven she did crawl  
O Christina the Astonishing  
Behaved in a terrifying way  
She would run wildly through the streets  
Jump in the Meusse and swim away  
O Christina the Astonishing  
Behaved in terrifying manner  
Died at the age of seventy-four  
In the convent of St Anna

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