

Nick Cave

"Christina The Astonishing"

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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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