

Nick Cave & The Bad Seed "Christina The Astonishing"

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Christina, the Astonishing
Lived a long, 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
The stink of human sin
The stink is more that I can bear"

And I said, "Oh, oh, oh"

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 corruption
The stench of human corruption
Into an oven, she did crawl

And I said, "Oh, oh, oh"

Christina, the Astonishing
Behaved in a terrifying way
She'd run wildly through the streets
Jump in the Meusse and swim away

Christina, the Astonishing
Behaved in a terrifying manner
She died at the age of seventy-four
Died at the age of seventy-four
In the convent of St. Anna

And I said, "Oh, oh, oh"

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