

Nick Cave, Christina the Astonishing

Cave Nick

Miscellaneous

Christina the Astonishing

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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