

# Christina the Astonishing

Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds

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