

Ego Trip By Nikki Giovanni

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I was born in the Congo
I walked to the fertile crescent and built the Sphinx
I designed a pyramid so tough that a star
That only glows every one hundred years
Falls into the center giving divine perfect light
I am bad
I sat on the throne drinking nectar with Allah
I got hot and sent an ice age to Europe to cool my thirst
My oldest daughter is Nefertiti
The tears from my birth pains created the Nile
I am a beautiful woman
I gazed on the forest and burned out the Sahara desert
With a packet of goat's meat and a change of clothes
I crossed it in two hours
I am a gazelle, so swift, so swift, you can't catch me
For a birthday present when he was three
I gave my son, Hannibal, an elephant
He gave me Rome for Mother's Day
My strength flows ever on

My son, Noah built Newark and I stood proudly at the helm
As we sailed on a soft summer day
I turned myself into myself and was Jesus
Men intone my loving name, all praises, all praises
I am the one who would save
I sowed diamonds in my back yard, my bowels deliver uranium
The filings from my fingernails are semi-precious jewels
On a trip North, I caught a cold
And blew my nose giving oil to the Arab world
I am so hip, even my errors are correct
I sailed West to reach East
And had to round off the earth as I went
The hair from my head thinned
And gold was laid across three continents
I am so perfect, so divine, so ethereal, so surreal
I cannot be comprehended except by my permission
I mean, I can fly like a bird in the sky

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