

NANA

she has fucked 700 men in 10
major cities.
5 have suicided
3 have gone entirely mad.
every time she changes a city
50 men follow her.
now she sits on my couch
in a long blue dress
and she's not dead
she's quite healthy
even looks innocent.
"I lose interest in a man,"
she says,
"when he begins to care for
me."
I refill her drink
then she pulls her long dress back,
shows me her panties.
"don't these look sexy?" she asks.
I tell her that they do look sexy.
she gets up, walks across the room
through my bedroom and into the bathroom.
soon I hear the toilet flush.
her name is Nana and she has been upon
the earth
5,000 years.

-- Charles Bukowski

San Pedro CA

LIT NOTES:.....

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