Paris Love Songs: Nos. 5 & 6

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I lived as Parisian
In another life
I died young probably
Running from Nazis
Before I'd realized
That although charming
The city beats a hard
And ruthless heart

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Overheard
What the heck is
The Crypt of Saint Therese
Aucune idée
That's French for search me
Some fragments I reckon
Once we visited
Mary's skull in the South
Tiny and in a plastic bubble
Well by God
They certainly
Do love their bones