

La Vie Boheme

Rent

MANAGER

No, please no
Not tonight, please no
Mister, can't you go
Not tonight, can't have a scene

ROGER

What?

MANAGER

Go, please go, you, hello sir!
I said no, important customer

MARK

What am I, just a blur?

MANAGER

You sit all night
You never buy

MARK

That's a lie
That's a lie
I had a tea the other day

MANAGER

You couldn't pay!

MARK

Oh, yeah

COLLINS

Benjamin Coffin III, here?

MANAGER

Oh, no

ALL

Wine and beer!

MAUREEN

The enemy of Avenue A
We'll stay

MANAGER

Oy vey

COLLINS

What brings the mogul in his own mind
To the Life Cafe?

BENNY

I would like to propose a toast
To Maureen's noble try

It went well

MAUREEN
Go to hell

BENNY
Was the yuppie scum stomped?
Not counting the homeless
How many tickets weren't comped?

ROGER
Why did Muffy-

BENNY
Alison

ROGER
-Miss the show?

BENNY
There was a death in the family
If you must know

ANGEL
Who died?

BENNY
Our akita

MARK, ROGER, ANGEL, COLLINS
Evita

BENNY
Mimi, I'm surprised
A bright and charming girl like you
Hangs out with these slackers
Who don't adhere to deals

You make fun, yet I am the one
Attempting to do some good
Or do you really want a neighborhood
Where people piss on your stoop every night?

Bohemia, Bohemia's
A fallacy in your head
This is Calcutta
Bohemia is dead

MARK
Dearly beloved, we gather here to say
Our goodbyes

COLLINS & ROGER
Dies Ira, Dies Illa
Kyrie Eleison
Yitgadal V' Yitkadash (etc.)

MARK
Here she lies,
No one knew her worth
The late great daughter of Mother Earth
On these nights when we celebrate the birth
In that little town of Bethlehem
We raise our glass
You bet your ass to...

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ALL

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MARK

To days of inspiration,
Playing hookey, making something
Out of nothing, the need
To express to communicate,
To going against the grain,
Going insane,
Going mad

To loving tension, no pension
To more than one dimension,
To starving for attention,
Hating convention, hating pretension,
Not to mention of course,
Hating dear old mom and dad

To riding your bike
Midday past the three piece suits
To fruits, to no absolutes
To Absolut, to choice
To the Village Voice
To any passing fad

To being an us for once,
Instead of a them

ALL

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MAUREEN

Is the equipment in a pyramid?

JOANNE

It is, Maureen

MAUREEN

The mixer doesn't have a case
Don't give me that face!

MR. GREY

Ahemm

MAUREEN

Hey Mister... She's my sister

WAITER

So that's five miso soup,
Four seaweed salad
Three soy burger dinner,
Two tofu dog platter
And one pasta with meatless balls

BOHEMIAN

Eww

COLLINS

It tastes the same

MIMI

If you close your eyes

WAITER

And thirteen orders of fries

Is that it here?

ALL

Wine and beer!

MIMI & ANGEL

To hand-crafted beers made in local breweries
To yoga, to yogurt, to rice and beans and cheese
To leather, to dildos, to curry Vindaloo
To Huevos Rancheros, and Maya Angelou

MAUREEN & COLLINS

Emotion, devotion, to causing a commotion,
Creation, Vacation

MARK

Mucho masturbation

MAUREEN & COLLINS

Compassion, to fashion, to passion
When it's new

COLLINS

To Sontag

ANGEL

To Sondheim

FOUR PEOPLE

To anything taboo

COLLINS & ROGER

Ginsberg, Dylan, Cunningham and Cage

COLLINS

Lenny Bruce

ROGER

Langston Hughes

MAUREEN

To the stage!

PERSON #1

To Uta

PERSON #2

To Buddha

PERSON #3

Pablo Neruda, too

MARK & MIMI

Why Dorothy and Toto went over the rainbow
To blow off Auntie Em

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MAUREEN
And wipe the speakers off before you pack

JOANNE
Yes, Maureen

MAUREEN
Well, hurry back

MR. GREY
Sisters?

MAUREEN
We're close

ANGEL, COLLINS
Brothers!

MARK, ANGEL, MIMI & 3 OTHERS
Bisexuals, trisexuals, Homo Sapiens,
Carcinogens, hallucinogens, men,
Pee Wee Herman
German wine, turpentine, Gertrude Stein
Antonioni, Bertolucci, Kurosawa
Carmina Burana

ALL
To apathy, to entropy, to empathy, ecstasy
Vaclav Havel, The Sex Pistols, 8BC
To no shame, never playing the fame game

COLLINS
To marijuana

ALL
To sodomy
It's between God and me
To S & M

BENNY
Waiter, Waiter, Waiter!

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COLLINS
In honor of the death of Bohemia an impromptu salon will commence immediately following dinner...
Maureen Johnson, back from her spectacular one night performance at the Eleventh Street Lot
Will perform Native American tribal chants, backwards through her vocoder, while accompanying herself on the electric cello which she ain't never studied.

ROGER
And Mark Cohen will preview his new documentary about his inability to hold an erection on high holy days.

MARK

And Mimi Marquez clad only in bubble wrap, will perform her famous lawnchair handcuff dance to the sounds of ice tea being stirred

BENNY

Your new boyfriend doesn't know about us?

MIMI

There's nothing to know

BENNY

Don't you think that we should discuss-

MIMI

It was three months ago

BENNY

He doesn't act like he's with you

MIMI

We're taking it slow

BENNY

Where is he now?

MIMI

He's right-hmm

Where'd he go?

MARK

And Roger will attempt to write a bittersweet, evocative song

That doesn't remind us of 'Musetta's Waltz'

COLLINS

Angel Dumott Schunard will model her latest fall fashions from Paris while accompanying herself on the 10-gallon plastic pickle tub.

ANGEL

And Collins will recount his exploits as an Anarchist... Including the tale of

His successful reprogramming of the MIT virtual reality equipment to self-destruct as it broadcasts the words:

ALL

'Actual Reality - ACT UP - Fight AIDS! '

BENNY

Check!

MIMI

Excuse me, did I do something wrong?

I get invited, then ignored all night long

ROGER

I've been trying, I'm not lying

No one's perfect, I've got baggage

MIMI

Life's too short babe, time is flying

I'm looking for baggage that goes with mine

ROGER

I should tell you-

MIMI

I've got baggage, too

ROGER

I should tell you--

BOTH

Baggage-

OTHERS

Wine And Beer!

MIMI

AZT break

ROGER

You?

MIMI

Me. You?

ROGER

Mimi