

# 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!

ALL  
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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