

# Broadways, Rent- La Vie Boheme

RESTAURANT MAN

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

ROGER

What?

RESTAURANT MAN

go, please go, you,  
Hello sir,  
I said no, important customer,

MARK

What am I, just a blur?

RESTAURANT MAN

You sit all night, you never buy.

MARK

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

RESTAURANT MAN

You couldnt pay!

MARK

Oh yeah...

COLLINS

Benjamin Coffin the third- here?

RESTAURANT MAN

Oh no!

ALL

Wine and Beer!

MAUREEN

The enemy of Avenue A, will stay

(they sit)

RESTAURANT MAN

Oy vey.

COLLINS

What brings a 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

BENNY, MARK, ANGEL & COLLINS  
Evita.

BENNY  
Mimi, I'm suprised,  
A bright and charming girl like you,  
Hangs out with these slackers,  
(Who don't adhere to deals)  
They 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 is a fallacy in your head,  
This is Calcutta, Bohemia is dead.

MARK  
Dearly beloved,  
We gather here to say our goodbyes.  
Here she lies, no one knew her worth  
the late, great, daughter of mother earth.  
On this night, when we celebrate the birth.  
In that little town of Bethlehem  
We raise our glass, you bet your ass (maureen flashes hers) to  
La Vie Boheme.

ALL  
la vie boheme x4

MARK  
To days of inspiration, Playing hooky,  
Makin 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 pretestion,  
Not to mention, of course,  
Hating dear old mom and dad.  
To riding your bike midday  
Pass 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 at them

ALL  
La vie boheme,

Gust The Women-  
La vie boheme

MAUREEN  
Is the equipment in a pyramid?

JOANNE  
It is maureen

MAUREEN  
The mixer doesnt have a case  
Don't give me that face! (ass slap)  
Hey mister, she's my sister!

RESTAURANT MAN  
So thats 5 miso soup  
4 seaweed salad  
3 soy burger dinner  
2 tofu dog platters  
And 1 pasta with meatless balls  
(eww)

COLLINS  
It tastes the same!

MIMI  
If you close your eyes

RESTAURANT MAN  
And 13 orders of fries, is that it here?

ALL  
wine and beer!

MIMI AND 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 AND COLLINS  
Emotion, Devotion,  
To causing a commotion,  
Creation, Vacation

MARK  
Mucho masturbation,

MAUREEN AND COLLINS  
Compassion, To fashion,  
To passion when it's new

COLLINS  
To Sontag

ANGEL  
To Sondheim

OTHERS  
To anything taboo

COLLINS AND ROGER  
Ginsberg, Dylan, Cunningham, and Cage

COLLINS  
Lenny Bruce

ROGER  
Langston Hughes

MAUREEN  
To the stage!

PERSON #1  
To Uta,

#2  
To Buddha

#3  
Pablo Neruda too

MARK AND MIMI  
Why Dorothy and Toto,  
Went over the rainbow,  
To blow off Auntie Em

ALL  
La Vie Bohème

MAUREEN  
And wipe the speakers off before you pack

JOANNE  
Yes, Maureen,

MAUREEN  
Well, hurry back!

MR. GREY  
Sisters?

MAUREEN  
We're close.

OTHERS  
Brothers!

ALL  
Bisexuals, Trisexuals,  
Homo sapiens,  
Carcinogens,  
Hallucinogens, Men  
Pee Wee Herman,  
German wine, Turpentine  
Gertude Stein, Antonioni,  
Bertolucci, Kurosawa,  
&quot;Camina Burna&quot;;  
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  
La Vie Boheme!

COLLINS  
In honor of the death of Bohemia,  
An impromptu salon will commence immediately  
following dinner....  
Mimi Marquez, clad only in bubble wrap,  
Will perform her famous lawn chair handcuff dance,  
To the sound of iced tea being stirred.

ROGER  
and Mark Cohen will preview his new documentary,  
About his inability to hold an erection,  
On the high holy days.

MARK  
And Maureen Johnson,  
Back from her spectacular one night engagement  
at the 11th Street lot  
Will sing Native American tribal chants backwards,  
through her vocoder,  
while accompanying herself on the electric cello,  
which she has never studied.

BENNY  
Your new boyfriend doesn't know about us.

MIMI  
Theres 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.... (uhuh)hmm...where'd he go?

MARK  
And Roger will attempt to write a bittersweet

devocative song  
(Roger plays)  
That doesn't remind us of Musetta's waltz.

COLLINS  
Angel Dumott Schunard will model the latest fall fashions from Paris,  
While accompanying herself,  
On the 10 gallon plastic pickle tub.

ANGEL  
And Collins will recount his exploits as anarchist,  
Including the tale of his successful reprogramming of the MIT  
Virtual Reality equipment to self destruct as it broadcast the words,  
Actual Reality! Act Up! FIGHT AIDS!

Benny:  
Check!

MIMI  
Excuse me, did I do something wrong?  
I get invited and 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 flyin'  
I'm lookin for baggage that goes with mine

ROGER  
I should tell you

MIMI  
I've got baggage too,  
Should tell you

BOTH  
Baggage wine

ALL  
and beer!

MIMI  
AZT break

(MIMI, ROGER, ANGEL, AND COLLINS take pills)

ROGER  
You?

MIMI  
Me  
You?

ROGER  
Mimi