

## Christine Lavin "Blind Dating Fun"

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I broke up with my baby. Though it was the right thing to do,

It has left me languishing so lonesome and so blue.

So I called up all my girlfriends; I said, "Introduce me, please.

You've gotta know someone who's gotta have something in common with me."

But how many times will I have to tell some stranger my life story

Which gets longer and longer and longer the longer I live on this earth?

And how many times will I pretend I'm facinated by the ordinary

Details of the lives of the strangers that I've encountered on my search?

I'm in a Mexican restaurant with a friend of a friend of a friend.

He's been burned so many times he's scared to try again.

He's chain-smoking Camels while I sip decaf tea.

I'm about as comfortable with him as he is with me.

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I have put on some makeup; I have combed my hair.

I thought this was a subway; no, it's a Love Train; nothing but couples

everywhere.

I'm standing in a museum; this guy is twenty-five minutes late.

Patience is a virtue I have never possessed; I'm giving up on this date.

But wait! Here he is approaching. He smiles, French-kisses my hand.

We wander around; we're gazing at paintings I cannot understand.  
So I ask a whole lot of questions, but it turns out that he hates art.  
He thought a museum was a perfect place to meet; I think it is a perfect place to part.  
Oh, but how many times will I have to tell some stranger my life story  
Which gets longer and longer and longer the longer I live on this earth?  
And how many times will I pretend I'm fascinated by the ordinary  
Details of the lives of the strangers that I've encountered on my search?  
Oh, the lives of the strangers that we encounter on our search.

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