

The Broadways "Rent- La Vie Boheme"

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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, Kurosowa,
"Camina Burna"
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

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