

Various Artists

"Light My Candle"

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ROGER
What'd you forget?

(MIMI enters, holding a candle and looking for a match;
her electricity
is down, too.)

MIMI
Got a light?

ROGER
I know you? -- You're --
You're shivering

MIMI
It's nothing
They turned off my heat
And I'm just a little
Weak on my feet
Would you light my candle?
What are you staring at?

ROGER
Nothing
Your hair in the moonlight
You look familiar
Can you make it?

MIMI
Just haven't eaten much today
At least the room stopped spinning.
Anyway. What?

ROGER
Nothing
Your smile reminded me of --

MIMI
I always remind people of -- who is she?

ROGER

She died. Her name was April

MIMI

It's out again
Sorry about your friend
Would you light my candle?

ROGER

Well --

MIMI

Yeah. Ow!

ROGER

Oh, the wax -- it's --

MIMI

Dripping! I like it -- between my --

ROGER

Fingers. I figured...
Oh, well. Goodnight.
It blew out again?

MIMI

No -- I think that I dropped my stash

ROGER

I know I've seen you out and about
When I used to go out
Your candle's out

MIMI

I'm illin' --
I had it when I walked in the door
It was pure --
Is it on the floor?

ROGER

The floor?

MIMI

They say I have the best ass below 14th street
Is it true?

ROGER

What?

MIMI

You're staring again.

ROGER
Oh no.
I mean you do -- have a nice --
I mean -- You look familiar

MIMI
Like your dead girlfriend?

ROGER
Only when you smile.
But I'm sure I've seen you somewhere else --

MIMI
Do you go to the Cat Scratch Club?
That's where I work - I dance - help me look

ROGER
Yes!
They used to tie you up --

MIMI
It's a living

ROGER
I didn't recognize you
Without the handcuffs

MIMI
We could light the candle
Oh won't you light the candle?

ROGER
Why don't you forget that stuff
You look like you're sixteen

MIMI
I'm nineteen -- but I'm old for my age
I'm just born to be bad

ROGER
I once was born to be bad
I used to shiver like that

MIMI
I have no heat -- I told you

ROGER
I used to sweat

MIMI
I got a cold

ROGER
Uh huh
I used to be a junkie

MIMI
But now and then I like to --

ROGER
Uh huh

MIMI
Feel good

ROGER
Here it -- um --

MIMI
What's that?

ROGER
It's a candy bar wrapper

MIMI
We could light the candle

MIMI
What'd you do with my candle?

ROGER
That was my last match

MIMI
Our eyes'll adjust, thank God for the moon

ROGER
Maybe it's not the moon at all
I hear Spike Lee's shooting down the street

MIMI
Bah humbug ... Bah humbug

ROGER
Cold hands

MIMI
Yours too.
Big. Like my father's
You wanna dance?

ROGER

With you?

MIMI

No -- with my father

ROGER

I'm Roger

MIMI

They call me

They call me Mimi

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