

## *La bohème*

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### **“Mi chiamano Mimì”** (They call me Mimì)

*Mimì is explaining to her neighbor Rodolfo who she is and what she does with her time. In this excerpt, she dreams of warm spring days.*

MIMÌ

Mi chiamano Mimì.

Il perché non so.

Sola, mi fo il pranzo  
da me stessa.

Non vado sempre a messa,  
ma prego assai il Signor.

Vivo sola, soletta,  
là in una bianca cameretta;  
guardo sui tetti e in cielo.

Ma quando vien lo sgelo  
il primo sole è mio,  
il primo bacio dell'aprile è mio!

MIMÌ

They call me Mimì -

I don't know why.

I live all by myself  
and I eat alone.

I don't often go to church,  
but I like to pray.

I stay all alone  
in my tiny white room,  
I look at the roofs and the sky.

But when spring comes  
the sun's first rays are mine.  
April's first kiss is mine, is mine!