

## *La bohème*

by Giacomo Puccini

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### **“Quando men' vo”** (“As I walk...” or Musetta’s Waltz)

*At the Café Momus, Musetta sings about how everyone admires her beauty and longs to be with her. This is an attempt to make Marcello jealous. It also happens to make Musetta’s date for the evening, Alcindoro, very embarrassed.*

MUSETTA

Quando men' vo soletta  
per la via,  
la gente sosta e mira,  
e la bellezza mia  
tutta ricerca in me,  
ricerca in me da capo a piè.

MARCELLO

Legatemi alla seggiola!

ALCINDORO

Quella gente che dirà?

MUSETTA

As I walk alone  
through the streets,  
the people stop to look  
and inspect my beauty,  
examining me  
from head to toe.

MARCELLO

Tie me to the chair!

ALCINDORO

What will people say?