

# Happy Birthday, Johnny

## St. Vincent

Remember one Christmas I gave you Jim Carroll  
Intended it as a cautionary tale  
You said you saw yourself inside there  
Dog-eared it like a how-to manual  
Remember one summer we walked in Times Square  
I showed you the zombies with hundred inch stares  
You took a Bic, set your hotel on fire  
We took the blame, took the bags to the train  
Happy Birthday Johnny  
Wherever you are  
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The last time you called it was on New Year's Eve  
You asked me for dough to get somethin' to eat  
Since we last spoke you live on the street  
Yeah, I wouldn't believe all the shit that you seen  
Happy New Year Johnny  
Is it 23  
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Are the lights on the trees?  
I said "Let me think" and you yelled through your teeth  
Accused me of actin' like all royalty  
Always for show no true charity  
You saw me on magazines and TV  
But if they only knew the real version of me  
Only you know the secrets, the swamp, and the fear  
What happened to blood, our family?  
Annie, how could you do this to me?  
Of course, I blame me  
When you get free, Johnny  
I hope you find peace

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