

Happy Birthday, Johnny- St. Vincent

[Verse 1]

A*
Remember one Christmas I gave you Jim Carroll
A/G*
Intended it as a cautionary tale
F#m7*
You said you saw yourself inside there
Esus4*
Dog-eared it like a how-to manual

A*
Remember one summer we walked in Times
Square
A/G*
I showed you the zombies with hundred-inch
stares
F#m7*
You took a Bic, set your hotel on fire
Esus4*
We took the blame, took the bags to the train

[Chorus 1]

Dmaj7* E*
Happy Birthday, Johnny
Fdim7* F#m*
Wherever you are
Dmaj7* E*
Happy Birthday, Johnny
A*
Wherever you are

[Verse 2]

A*
The last time you called it was on New Years' Eve
A/G*
You asked me for dough to get somethin' to eat
F#m7*
Since we last spoke, you live on the street
Esus4*
Yeah, I wouldn't believe all the shit that you seen

[Chorus 2]

Dmaj7* E*
Happy New Year, Johnny
Fdim7* F#m*
Is it 23?
Dmaj7* E*
Happy New Year, Johnny
A*
Are the lights on the trees?

[Instrumental]

(A) A/G F#m7 Esus4 Fdim7
F#m A/G F#m7 Esus4

[Verse 3]

A*
When I said, Let me think, and you yelled through
your teeth
A/G*
Accused me of actin' like all royalty
F#m7*
Always for show, no true charity
Esus4*
You saw me on magazines and TV

A*
But if they only knew the real version of me
A/G*
Only you know the secrets, the swamp, and the
fear
F#m7*
What happened to blood, our family?
Esus4*
Annie, how could you do this to me?

[Outro]

Dmaj7* E* Fdim7* F#m* C#m*
Of course, I blame me
Dmaj7* E*
When you get free, Johnny
A*
I hope you find peace