

Better Than Anything

Standard Key for Viola

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Jazz Waltz [Irene Kral 1964] (♩ = 150)

A

1 **D⁶/9** **C⁶/9** **D⁶/9** **C⁶/9**

Better than sail-ing at midnight, better than div-ing for pearls, better than

5 **D⁶/9** **C⁶/9** **B^M7** **B^bM⁷** **A^M7** **D⁷(#9)**

ski - ing at As-pen, better than feed-ing the squirrels. Better than

B

9 **G⁶/9** **F⁶/9** **G⁶/9** **F⁶/9**

find - ing a horseshoe, bet-ter than los - ing your head, better than

13 **D⁶/9** **C⁶/9** **D⁶/9** **C⁶/9**

an - y - thing thought of, better than an - y - thing said. Better than

C

17 **A^b13(#11)** **G¹³** **C¹³** **F¹³**

sing-ing right out loud or be-ing spotted in a crowd. Better than

21 **E⁷(b9)** **E^bMA⁹** **D⁶/9** **C⁶/9** **D⁶/9** **C⁶/9**

an - y - thing ex - cept be - ing in love. (Better than)

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Better than four sets of Dizzy, better than Count Basie's band,
better than Rollins and Coltrane, better than being on the stand.

Better than Ella Fitzgerald, better than Miles' latest news,
better than Bill Evans' ballads, better than Joe Williams' blues.

Better than hearing Lady Day or checking in at Monterey.
Better than anything except being in love.

Better than Lucy and Desi, better than Route 66,
better than Huntley and Brinkley, better than quiz shows all fixed.

Better than Kildare and Casey, better than Singing with Mitch,
better than Hitchcock and Karloff, better than clicking the switch.

Better than movies late at night or watching Emile Griffith fight.
Better than anything except being in love.

Better than cream cheese and bagels, better than honey on bread,
better than champagne and pretzels, better the breakfast in bed.

Better than chili rellenos, better than chocolate eclairs,
better than hothouse tomatoes, better than fresh Barlett pears.

Better than dining a la carte or sampling gastronomic art.
Better than anything except being in love.

Better than elephants dancing, better than clowns on parade,
Better than peanuts and popcorn, better than fresh lemonade,

Better than rides on the midway, better than seals blowing horns,
Better than men shot from cannons, better than fresh ears of corn,

Better than balancing a wire or watching tigers leap through fire
Better than anything except being in love.