

# Ask Me Now (How I Wish)

Standard Key

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Ballad [Carmen McRae 1990] (♩ = 58)

**A1** **GMI<sup>7</sup>** **C<sup>7</sup>** **G<sup>b</sup>MI<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>7</sup>** **FMI<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup>** **EMI<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>7</sup>**

Once you said you loved me, Placed no one a - bove me,

**E<sup>b</sup>MI<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup>** **D<sup>7</sup>**

Prayed for me to make that vow. What dumb thing did I say

**D<sup>b</sup>MA<sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup>MI<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup>**

So bu-sy being bla-sé? How I wish you'd ask me now.

**A2** **GMI<sup>7</sup>** **C<sup>7</sup>** **G<sup>b</sup>MI<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>7</sup>** **FMI<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup>** **EMI<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>7</sup>**

I was vain and blind then, Prone to be un - kind then,

**E<sup>b</sup>MI<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup>** **D<sup>7</sup>**

Wish they'd turn back time some - how. Then I was au - da-cious,

**D<sup>b</sup>MA<sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup>MI<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup>** **D<sup>b</sup><sup>6</sup>**

I ignored what was precious, How I wish you'd ask me now.

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17 **B**  

 I thought then I'd al - ways be All footloose and fan - cy free

21 **BbMI7** **Eb7** **Eb7** **BbMI7** **EbMI7** **Ab7**  

 How could I have been so blind? What I once made light of

24 **A3**  

 turned out to be true love Once my e-go ruled me Flattered me and fooled me

27 **EbMI7** **Ab7** **B7** **Bb7** **Eb7** **D7**  

 More times than the laws al - low You asked me could I care

30 *To Coda Last Time*  $\oplus$   

 My at - tention was elsewhere How I wish you'd ask me now.

$\oplus$  Coda

33 **EbMI7** **Ab7** **FMI7** **Bb7**  

 How I wish you'd ask me How I wish you'd ask me

35 **EbMI7** **Ab7** **Db6**  

 rit. How I wish you'd ask me now.