

# Ask Me Now (How I Wish)

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Ballad [Carmen McRae 1990] (♩ = 58)

8 **A1** **E<sup>MI</sup>7** **A<sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup>MI<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>b</sup>7** **D<sup>MI</sup>7** **G<sup>7</sup>** **C<sup>#</sup>MI<sup>7</sup>** **F<sup>#</sup>7**

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

3 **C<sup>MI</sup>7** **F<sup>7</sup>** **G<sup>#</sup>7** **G<sup>7</sup>** **C<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>7</sup>**

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

6 **B<sup>b</sup>MA<sup>7</sup>** **C<sup>7</sup>** **C<sup>MI</sup>7** **F<sup>7</sup>** **G<sup>#</sup>7** **G<sup>7</sup>** **F<sup>#</sup>7** **F<sup>7</sup>**

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

9 **A2** **E<sup>MI</sup>7** **A<sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup>MI<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>b</sup>7** **D<sup>MI</sup>7** **G<sup>7</sup>** **C<sup>#</sup>MI<sup>7</sup>** **F<sup>#</sup>7**

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

11 **C<sup>MI</sup>7** **F<sup>7</sup>** **G<sup>#</sup>7** **G<sup>7</sup>** **C<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>7</sup>**

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

14 **B<sup>b</sup>MA<sup>7</sup>** **C<sup>7</sup>** **C<sup>MI</sup>7** **F<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup>6**

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

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**B**

17 **Cmi<sup>7</sup>** **F<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup>MA<sup>7</sup>** **Cmi<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup>MA<sup>7</sup>**

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

21 **Gmi<sup>7</sup>** **C<sup>7</sup>** **C<sup>7</sup>** **Gmi<sup>7</sup>** **Cmi<sup>7</sup>** **F<sup>7</sup>**

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

**A3**

24 **E<sup>b</sup>7** **Emi<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup>mi<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>b</sup>7** **Dmi<sup>7</sup>** **G<sup>7</sup>** **C#mi<sup>7</sup>** **F#<sup>7</sup>**

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

27 **Cmi<sup>7</sup>** **F<sup>7</sup>** **G#<sup>7</sup>** **G<sup>7</sup>** **C<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>7</sup>**

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

*To Coda Last Time*  $\Phi$

30 **B<sup>b</sup>MA<sup>7</sup>** **C<sup>7</sup>** **Cmi<sup>7</sup>** **F<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup>6**

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

$\Phi$  Coda

33 **Cmi<sup>7</sup>** **F<sup>7</sup>** **Dmi<sup>7</sup>** **G<sup>7</sup>**

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

35 **Cmi<sup>7</sup>** **F<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup>6**

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