

Lush Life

Bb for Alternate Key

Billy Strayhorn

Ballad [Nat King Cole 1949] (♩ = 68)

[A1]

Verse

I used to vis - it all the ver - y gay plac - es, those come-what-

may plac --es where one re - lax - es on the ax - is of the

wheel of life to get the feel of life from jazz and cocktails. The

[A2]

girls I knew had sad and sul - len gray fac - es with dis - tin -

gué trac - es that used to be there, you could see where they'd been

washed a - way by too man - y through the day; twelve o' - clock tales. Then

[B]

you came a-long with your si-ren song to tempt me to mad - ness. I

thought for a - while that your poignant smile was tinged with the sad - ness

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[C]

22 **Emi⁷** **A⁷** **C^{7(b5)}** **B⁷** **Emi⁷**

of a great love for me. Ah! Yes, I was wrong.

26 **B^{b7(b5)}** **Emi⁷⁽¹¹⁾** **A⁷**

A - gain, I was wrong.

[A]
Refrain

29 **D⁶** **D^{#7}** **D⁶** **D^{#7}** **D⁶** / **C^{#7(b5)}** **C¹³** **F^{#M}A⁷** **E^{7(#5)}** **E^{b7}**

Life is lone-ly a - gain and on-ly last year ev'rything seemed so sure. Now

33 **D⁶** **D^{#7}** **D⁶** **D^{#7}** **D⁶** / **D⁷** **C^{#13}** **F^{#M}A⁷** / **F^{7(#5)}** **E⁷**

life is aw-ful a - gain, a troughful of hearts could on-ly be a bore. A

[B]

37 **A⁶** **E^{7(#9)}** **A⁶** / **F^Mi⁷** **B^{b7}** **E^b** / **E^{bM}i⁷** **A^{b7}** **C^{#6}** **C⁷** **B⁷** **B^{b7}** **A⁷**

week in Paris will ease the bite of it, all I care is to smile in spite of it.

41 **D⁶** **D^{#7}** **D⁶** **D^{#7}** **D⁶** / **C^{#7(b5)}** **C⁷** **B⁷**

I'll for-get you, I will, while yet you are still burning inside my brain. Ro -

[C]

45 **G^Mi⁹** **C¹³** **B^{b9(#5)}** **A¹³** **D^MA⁷** **G¹³** **F^{#M}i⁷** **B⁷**

mance is mush, stifling those who strive, I'll live a lush life in some small dive, and

49 **G^Mi⁹** **C¹³** **B^{b9(#5)}** **A¹³** **A^{7(#9)}** **A^{#7(#9)}** **B^{7(#9)}** **C^{7(#9)}** **C^{#7(#9)}** **D^{#7}** **D^MA⁷**

there I'll be while I rot with the rest of those whose lives are lone - ly too.