

Lush Life

Standard Key

Billy Strayhorn

Ballad [Nat King Cole 1949] (♩ = 68)

[A1]

Verse

D^{b6} **B⁷** **D^bMA⁷** **B⁷**

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

D^bMA⁷ **B⁷** **D^bMA⁷** **E^bMI⁷** **EMA⁷** **G^bMI⁷**

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

A^bMI⁷ **D⁷** **D^{b6}** **D⁹(#11)** **D^bMA⁷** **D⁹(#11)**

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

[A2]

D^{b6} **B⁷** **D^bMA⁷** **B⁷**

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

D^bMA⁷ **B⁷** **D^bMA⁷** **E^bMI⁷** **EMA⁷** **G^bMI⁷**

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

A^bMI⁷ **D⁷** **D^{b6}** **D⁹(#11)** **D^bMA⁷** / **GMI⁷(b5)** **C⁷**

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

[B]

FMI **FMI⁶** **FMI** **FMI⁷** **FMI** **GMI⁷(b5)** **C⁷**

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

FMI **FMI⁶** **FMI** **FMI⁷** **FMI**

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

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22 **[C]** E^bMI^7 A^b7 $B^{7(b5)}$ B^b7 E^bMI^7
 of a great love for me. Ah! Yes, I was wrong.

26 $A^{7(b5)}$ $E^bMI^{7(11)}$ A^b7
 A - gain, I was wrong.

[A]
 Refrain
 29 D^b6 D^7 D^b6 D^7 D^b6 / $C^{7(b5)}$ B^{13} EMA^7 $E^b7(\#5)$ D^7
 Life is lonely a - gain and on - ly last year ev'rything seemed so sure. Now

33 D^b6 D^7 D^b6 D^7 D^b6 / D^b7 C^{13} FMA^7 / $E^{7(\#5)}$ E^b7
 life is aw - ful a - gain, a troughful of hearts could on - ly be a bore. A

[B]
 37 A^b6 $E^b7(\#9)$ A^b6 / EMI^7 A^7 D / DMI^7 G^7 C^6 B^7 B^b7 A^7 A^b7
 week in Paris will ease the bite of it, all I care is to smile in spite of it.

41 D^b6 D^7 D^b6 D^7 D^b6 / $C^{7(b5)}$ B^7 B^b7
 I'll for - get you, I will, while yet you are still burning inside my brain. Ro -

[C]
 45 G^bMI^9 B^{13} $A^{9(\#5)}$ A^b13 D^bMA^7 G^b13 FMI^7 B^b7
 mance is mush, stifling those who strive, I'll live a lush life in some small dive, and

49 G^bMI^9 B^{13} $A^{9(\#5)}$ A^b13 $A^b7(\#9)$ $A^7(\#9)$ $B^b7(\#9)$ $B^7(\#9)$ $C^7(\#9)$ D^7 D^bMA^7
 there I'll be while I rot with the rest of those whose lives are lone - ly too.