

Lush Life

Bass 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 **Dmi⁷** **G⁷** **B⁷(b5)** **A⁷** **Dmi⁷**

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

26 **A⁷(b5)** **Dmi⁷(11)** **G⁷**

A - gain, I was wrong.

[A]
Refrain

29 **C⁶** **C⁷** **C⁶** **C⁷** **C⁶** / **B⁷(b5)** **B^{b13}** **E^bMA⁷** **D⁷(#5)** **D^{b7}**

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

33 **C⁶** **C⁷** **C⁶** **C⁷** **C⁶** / **C⁷** **B¹³** **E^bMA⁷** / **E^{b7}(#5)** **D⁷**

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

[B]

37 **G⁶** **D⁷(#9)** **G⁶** / **E^bmi⁷** **A^{b7}** **D^b** / **D^bmi⁷** **G^{b7}** **B⁶** **B^{b7}** **A⁷** **A^{b7}** **G⁷**

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

41 **C⁶** **C⁷** **C⁶** **C⁷** **C⁶** / **B⁷(b5)** **B^{b7}** **A⁷**

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

[C]

45 **Fmi⁹** **B^{b13}** **A^{b9}(#5)** **G¹³** **CMA⁷** **F¹³** **E^bmi⁷** **A⁷**

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

49 **Fmi⁹** **B^{b13}** **A^{b9}(#5)** **G¹³** **G⁷(#9)** **G^{#7}(#9)** **A⁷(#9)** **A^{#7}(#9)** **B⁷(#9)** **C^{#7}** **CMA⁷**

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