

# Lush Life

E♭ 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 **Bm<sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>7</sup>** **G<sup>7(b5)</sup>** **F<sup>7</sup>** **Bm<sup>7</sup>**

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

26 **F<sup>7(b5)</sup>** **Bm<sup>7(11)</sup>** **E<sup>7</sup>**

A - gain, I was wrong.

**[A]**  
Refrain

29 **A<sup>6</sup>** **A<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>6</sup>** **A<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>6</sup>** / **G<sup>7(b5)</sup>** **G<sup>13</sup>** **Cm<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>7(#5)</sup>** **B<sup>b7</sup>**

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

33 **A<sup>6</sup>** **A<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>6</sup>** **A<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>6</sup>** / **A<sup>7</sup>** **G<sup>13</sup>** **C<sup>#</sup>MA<sup>7</sup>** / **C<sup>7(#5)</sup>** **B<sup>7</sup>**

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

**[B]**

37 **E<sup>6</sup>** **B<sup>7(#9)</sup>** **E<sup>6</sup>** / **Cm<sup>7</sup>** **F<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup>** / **B<sup>b</sup>m<sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>b7</sup>** **G<sup>6</sup>** **G<sup>7</sup>** **F<sup>7</sup>** **F<sup>7</sup>** **E<sup>7</sup>**

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

41 **A<sup>6</sup>** **A<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>6</sup>** **A<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>6</sup>** / **G<sup>7(b5)</sup>** **G<sup>7</sup>** **F<sup>7</sup>**

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

**[C]**

45 **Dm<sup>9</sup>** **G<sup>13</sup>** **F<sup>9(#5)</sup>** **E<sup>13</sup>** **Am<sup>7</sup>** **D<sup>13</sup>** **C<sup>#</sup>m<sup>7</sup>** **F<sup>7</sup>**

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

49 **Dm<sup>9</sup>** **G<sup>13</sup>** **F<sup>9(#5)</sup>** **E<sup>13</sup>** **E<sup>7(#9)</sup>** **F<sup>7(#9)</sup>** **F<sup>7(#9)</sup>** **G<sup>7(#9)</sup>** **G<sup>7(#9)</sup>** **A<sup>7</sup>** **Am<sup>7</sup>**

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