

Lush Life

Bb for Standard 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
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
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

3 5 8 10 12 15 19

E^b6 **D^b7** **E^bMA⁷** **D^b7** **E^bMA⁷** **D^b7** **E^bMA⁷** **FMI⁷** **G^bMA⁷** **A^bMI⁷** **B^bMI⁷** **E⁷** **E^b6** **E⁹(#11)** **E^bMA⁷** **E⁹(#11)** **E^b6** **D^b7** **E^bMA⁷** **FMI⁷** **G^bMA⁷** **A^bMI⁷** **B^bMI⁷** **E⁷** **E^b6** **E⁹(#11)** **E^bMA⁷** **/** **AMI⁷(b5)** **D⁷** **GMI** **GMI⁶** **GMI** **GMI⁷** **GMI** **AMI⁷(b5)** **D⁷** **GMI** **GMI⁶** **GMI** **GMI⁷** **GMI**

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[C]

22 **Fmi⁷** **B^b7** **D^b7(b5)** **C⁷** **Fmi⁷**

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

26 **B⁷(b5)** **Fmi⁷(11)** **B^b7**

A - gain, I was wrong.

[A]
Refrain

29 **E^b6** **E⁷** **E^b6** **E⁷** **E^b6** / **D⁷(b5)** **D^b13** **G^bMA⁷** **F⁷(#5)** **E⁷**

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

33 **E^b6** **E⁷** **E^b6** **E⁷** **E^b6** / **E^b7** **D¹³** **GMA⁷** / **G^b7(#5)** **F⁷**

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

[B]

37 **B^b6** **F⁷(#9)** **B^b6** / **G^bmi⁷** **B⁷** **E** / **E⁷mi⁷** **A⁷** **D⁶** **D^b7** **C⁷** **B⁷** **B^b7**

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

41 **E^b6** **E⁷** **E^b6** **E⁷** **E^b6** / **D⁷(b5)** **D^b7** **C⁷**

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

[C]

45 **A^bmi⁹** **D^b13** **B⁹(#5)** **B^b13** **E^bMA⁷** **A^b13** **Gmi⁷** **C⁷**

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

49 **A^bmi⁹** **D^b13** **B⁹(#5)** **B^b13** **B^b7(#9)** **B⁷(#9)** **C⁷(#9)** **C[#]7(#9)** **D⁷(#9)** **E⁷** **E^bMA⁷**

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