

Lush Life

Eb for Alternate Key

Billy Strayhorn

Ballad [Nat King Cole 1949] ($\text{♩} = 68$)

A1

Verse

A⁶ G⁷ A_{MA}⁷ G⁷

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

3 A_{MA}⁷ G⁷ A_{MA}⁷ B_{MI}⁷ C_{MA}⁷ D_{MI}⁷

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

5 E_{MI}⁷ A^{#7} A⁶ A^{#9(#11)} A_{MA}⁷ A^{#9(#11)}

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

A2

8 A⁶ G⁷ A_{MA}⁷ G⁷

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

10 A_{MA}⁷ G⁷ A_{MA}⁷ B_{MI}⁷ C_{MA}⁷ D_{MI}⁷

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

12 E_{MI}⁷ A^{#7} A⁶ A^{#9(#11)} A_{MA}⁷ / D^{#MI}⁷⁽⁵⁾ G^{#7}

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

B

15 C^{#MI} C^{#MI}⁶ C^{#MI} C^{#MI}⁷ C^{#MI} D^{#MI}⁷⁽⁵⁾ G^{#7}

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

19 C^{#MI} C^{#MI}⁶ C^{#MI} C^{#MI}⁷ C^{#MI}

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

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C

22 **B_{MI}7** **E⁷** **G⁷⁽⁵⁾** **F^{#7}** **B_{MI}7**
of a great love for me. Ah! Yes, I was wrong.

26 **F⁷⁽⁵⁾** **B_{MI}7(11)** **E⁷**
A - gain, I was wrong.

A
Refrain

29 **A⁶** **A^{#7}** **A⁶** **A^{#7}** **A⁶** / **G^{#7(5)}** **G¹³** **C_{MA}7** **B^{7(#5)}** **B^{b7}**
Life is lone-ly a - gain and on - ly last year ev'rything seemed so sure. Now

33 **A⁶** **A^{#7}** **A⁶** **A^{#7}** **A⁶** / **A⁷** **G^{#13}** **C_{MA}7** / **C^{7(#5)}** **B⁷**
life is aw-ful a - gain, a troughful of hearts could on - ly be a bore. A

B

37 **E⁶** **B^{7(#9)}** **E⁶** / **C_{MI}7** **F⁷** **B^b** / **B_{MI}7** **E^{b7}** **G^{#6}** **G⁷** **F^{#7}** **F⁷** **E⁷**
week in Paris will ease the bite of it, all I care is to smile in spite of it.

41 **A⁶** **A^{#7}** **A⁶** **A^{#7}** **A⁶** / **G^{#7(5)}** **G⁷** **F^{#7}**
I'll for - get you, I will, while yet you are still burning inside my brain. Ro -

C

45 **D_{MI}9** **G¹³** **F^{9(#5)}** **E¹³** **A_{MA}7** **D¹³** **C_{#MI}7** **F^{#7}**
mance is mush, stifling those who strive, I'll live a lush life in some small dive, and

49 **D_{MI}9** **G¹³** **F^{9(#5)}** **E¹³** **E^{7(#9)}** **F^{7(#9)}** **F^{#7(#9)}** **G^{7(#9)}** **G^{#7(#9)}** **A^{#7}** **A_{MA}7**
there I'll be while I rot with the rest of those whose lives are lone - ly too.