

Ask Me Now (How I Wish)

E♭ for Standard Key

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Ballad [Carmen McRae 1990] (♩ = 58)

A1 E♭MI⁷ A⁷ E♭MI⁷ A♭⁷ DMI⁷ G⁷ C♯MI⁷ F⁷

Once you said you loved me, Placed no one a - bove me,

3 CMI⁷ F⁷ G⁷ G⁷ C⁷ B⁷

Prayed for me to make that vow. What dumb thing did I say

6 B♭MA⁷ C⁷ CMI⁷ F⁷ G⁷ G⁷ F⁷ F⁷

So bu - sy being bla - sé? How I wish you'd ask me now.

A2

9 E♭MI⁷ A⁷ E♭MI⁷ A♭⁷ DMI⁷ G⁷ C♯MI⁷ F⁷

I was vain and blind then, Prone to be un - kind then,

11 CMI⁷ F⁷ G⁷ G⁷ C⁷ B⁷

Wish they'd turn back time some - how. Then I was au - da - cious,

14 B♭MA⁷ C⁷ CMI⁷ F⁷ B♭⁶

I ignored what was precious, How I wish you'd ask me now.

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B

17 **CmI⁷** **F⁷** **B^bMA⁷** **CmI⁷** **B⁷** **B^bMA⁷**

I thought then I'd al - ways be All footloose and fan - cy free

21 **GmI⁷** **C⁷** **C⁷** **GmI⁷** **CmI⁷** **F⁷**

How could I have been so blind? What I once made light of

A3

24 **E^b7** **EmI⁷** **A⁷** **E^bmI⁷** **A^b7** **DmI⁷** **G⁷** **C#mI⁷** **F#⁷**

turned out to be true love Once my e-go ruled me Flattered me and fooled me

27 **CmI⁷** **F⁷** **G#⁷** **G⁷** **C⁷** **B⁷**

More times than the laws al - low You asked me could I care

To Coda Last Time \oplus

30 **B^bMA⁷** **C⁷** **CmI⁷** **F⁷** **B^b6**

My at - tention was elsewhere How I wish you'd ask me now.

\oplus Coda

33 **CmI⁷** **F⁷** **DmI⁷** **G⁷**

How I wish you'd ask me How I wish you'd ask me

35 **CmI⁷** **F⁷** **B^b6**

rit. How I wish you'd ask me now.