

# Lush Life

## 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 **D<sup>MI</sup>7** **G<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup>7(b5)** **A<sup>7</sup>** **D<sup>MI</sup>7**

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

26 **A<sup>b</sup>7(b5)** **D<sup>MI</sup>7(11)** **G<sup>7</sup>**

A - gain, I was wrong.

**[A]**  
Refrain

29 **C<sup>6</sup>** **C<sup>#</sup>7** **C<sup>6</sup>** **C<sup>#</sup>7** **C<sup>6</sup>** / **B<sup>7</sup>(b5)** **B<sup>b</sup>13** **E<sup>b</sup>MA<sup>7</sup>** **D<sup>7</sup>(#5)** **D<sup>b</sup>7**

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

33 **C<sup>6</sup>** **C<sup>#</sup>7** **C<sup>6</sup>** **C<sup>#</sup>7** **C<sup>6</sup>** / **C<sup>7</sup>** **B<sup>13</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup>MA<sup>7</sup>** / **E<sup>b</sup>7(#5)** **D<sup>7</sup>**

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

**[B]**

37 **G<sup>6</sup>** **D<sup>7</sup>(#9)** **G<sup>6</sup>** / **E<sup>b</sup>MI<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>b</sup>7** **D<sup>b</sup>** / **D<sup>b</sup>MI<sup>7</sup>** **G<sup>b</sup>7** **B<sup>6</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup>7** **A<sup>7</sup>** **A<sup>b</sup>7** **G<sup>7</sup>**

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

41 **C<sup>6</sup>** **C<sup>#</sup>7** **C<sup>6</sup>** **C<sup>#</sup>7** **C<sup>6</sup>** / **B<sup>7</sup>(b5)** **B<sup>b</sup>7** **A<sup>7</sup>**

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

**[C]**

45 **F<sup>MI</sup>9** **B<sup>b</sup>13** **A<sup>b</sup>9(#5)** **G<sup>13</sup>** **C<sup>MA</sup>7** **F<sup>13</sup>** **E<sup>MI</sup>7** **A<sup>7</sup>**

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

49 **F<sup>MI</sup>9** **B<sup>b</sup>13** **A<sup>b</sup>9(#5)** **G<sup>13</sup>** **G<sup>7</sup>(#9)** **G<sup>#</sup>7(#9)** **A<sup>7</sup>(#9)** **A<sup>#</sup>7(#9)** **B<sup>7</sup>(#9)** **C<sup>#</sup>7** **C<sup>MA</sup>7**

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