

Lush Life

E♭ 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

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 **Cmi⁷** **F⁷** **A^b7(b5)** **G⁷** **Cmi⁷**

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

26 **G^b7(b5)** **Cmi⁷(11)** **F⁷**

A - gain, I was wrong.

[A]
Refrain

29 **B^b6** **B⁷** **B^b6** **B⁷** **B^b6** / **A⁷(b5)** **A^b13** **D^bMA⁷** **C⁷(#5)** **B⁷**

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

33 **B^b6** **B⁷** **B^b6** **B⁷** **B^b6** / **B^b7** **A¹³** **DMA⁷** / **D^b7(#5)** **C⁷**

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

[B]

37 **F⁶** **C⁷(#9)** **F⁶** / **D^bmi⁷** **G^b7** **B** / **Bmi⁷** **E⁷** **A⁶** **A^b7** **G⁷** **G^b7** **F⁷**

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

41 **B^b6** **B⁷** **B^b6** **B⁷** **B^b6** / **A⁷(b5)** **A^b7** **G⁷**

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

[C]

45 **E^bmi⁹** **A^b13** **G^b9(#5)** **F¹³** **B^bMA⁷** **E^b13** **Dmi⁷** **G⁷**

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

49 **E^bmi⁹** **A^b13** **G^b9(#5)** **F¹³** **F⁷(#9)** **F[#]7(#9)** **G⁷(#9)** **G[#]7(#9)** **A⁷(#9)** **B⁷** **B^bMA⁷**

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