

Ask Me Now (How I Wish)

Standard Key for Viola

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Ballad [Carmen McRae 1990] (♩ = 58)

A1 **GMI⁷ C⁷ G^bMI⁷ B⁷ FMI⁷ B^b⁷ EMI⁷ A⁷**

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

E^bMI⁷ A^b⁷ B⁷ B^b⁷ E^b⁷ D⁷

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

D^bMA⁷ E^b⁷ E^bMI⁷ A^b⁷ B⁷ B^b⁷ A⁷ A^b⁷

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

A2 **GMI⁷ C⁷ G^bMI⁷ B⁷ FMI⁷ B^b⁷ EMI⁷ A⁷**

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

E^bMI⁷ A^b⁷ B⁷ B^b⁷ E^b⁷ D⁷

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

D^bMA⁷ E^b⁷ E^bMI⁷ A^b⁷ D^b⁶

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

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B
17 **E^bMI⁷** **A^b7** **D^bMA⁷** **E^bMI⁷** **D⁷** **D^bMA⁷**

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

B^bMI⁷ **E^b7** **E^b7** **B^bMI⁷** **E^bMI⁷** **A^b7**

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

A3
24 **G^b7** **GMI⁷** **C⁷** **G^bMI⁷** **B⁷** **FMI⁷** **B^b7** **EMI⁷** **A⁷**

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

27 **E^bMI⁷** **A^b7** **B⁷** **B^b7** **E^b7** **D⁷**

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

To Coda Last Time Φ
30 **D^bMA⁷** **E^b7** **E^bMI⁷** **A^b7** **D^b6**

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

Φ Coda

33 **E^bMI⁷** **A^b7** **FMI⁷** **B^b7**

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

35 **E^bMI⁷** **A^b7** **D^b6**

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