

You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby



"You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby" was first sung by Dick Powell to Olivia De Havilland in an all-but-forgotten epic of 1938 called Hard to Get. A musically compact song with an engaging offbeat construction, it also benefited from lyricist Mercer's unique notion of romancing a girl by imagining how beautiful she had been as a child.

Words by Johnny Mercer

Music by Harry Warren

Moderately, with a lilt

A⁷

mf

You Must Have Been A Beau-ti-ful

A^{7 + 5}

D 9

Ba - by, — You must have been a won - der-ful child. — When

G 13 sus.4

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C

you were on - ly start-in' to go to kin-der-gar-ten, I bet you drove the lit - tle boys

G 7 E 7 A 7

wild. And when it came to win - ning blue

A 7 + 5

rib - bons, _____ You

D 9 o

C o o C + o

cresc.
 must have shown the oth - er kids how. I can see the judg - es' eyes as they

F#

C 6 o C + o C o o

A m 7

D 7

hand - ed you the prize, I bet you made the cut - est bow, Oh! You

C o o E 7

A 7

D 9 o G 13 o o o

Must Have Been A Beau - ti - ful Ba - by, _____ 'Cause ba - by look at you

f

C o o C 7 o

F o

A b 7

(No Chord)
 now.
p cresc.

ff

C

← 8 fr.