

Lush life

Billy Strayhorn
(As played by John Coltrane)

♩=132 F⁶ Eb⁹ FM⁷ Eb⁹ FM⁷ Eb⁹

I used to vi-sit all the ve-ry gay pla ces Those comewhat may pla ces Where one re

lax-es on the ax-is of the wheel of life___ To get the feel of life... From jazz and

Fm^{6/9} F#13(#11) F⁶ Eb⁹ FM⁷ Eb⁹

cock-tails. The girls I knew had sad and sul-len gray fa- ces___ With dis-tant

FM⁷ Eb⁹ FM⁷ Gm⁷ Am⁷ Bbm⁷

gay tra - ces___ That used to be there you could see where they'd been

Cm⁷ F#13(#11) Am⁷ F#9(#11) Fm^{6/9} Bm^{7(b5)} E⁷

washed a - way___ By too ma-ny through the day... Twelve o' - clock tales. Then

♩=162 Am Am⁶ Am Am⁷ Am Bm^{7(b5)} E⁷

you came a-long with your si-ren song to tempt me to mad ness!___ I

Am Am⁶ Am Am⁷ Am

thought for a while that your poi-gnant smile was tinged with the sad - ness

♩=128 C¹³ D#9(b5) **♩=108** D⁹

Of a great love for me. ___ Ah yes! I was

Gm⁷ C#9(b5) G7(add11) F#13(#11)

wrong... a - gain, I was wrong. ___

FM7 F#13(#11) FM7 F#13(#11) F6 Bbm7 Eb13 G#M7 F#13(#11)

Life is lone-ly a - gain, And on-ly last year e-very-thing seemed so sure Now

FM7 F#13(#11) FM7 F#13(#11) F6 F9 E13 AM7 C#13

life is aw-ful a - gain, A trough-ful of hearts could on-ly be a bore. A

CM7 G7(#9) CM7 G#m7 C#7 F#M7 F#m7 B7 C#M7 C13

week in pa-ris will ease the bite of it, All I care is to smile in spite of it.

FM7 F#13(#11) FM7 F#13(#11) F6 E7(#11) D#13 Am7(add11) D7

I'll for-get you, I will While yet you are still bur-ning in-side my brain. Ro

Bbm9 Eb13 C#9(#5) C13 FM7 Bb13 Am7 D7

mance is mush, Sti-pling those who strive. I'll live a lush life in some small dive... And

Bbm9 Eb13 C#9(#5) C13 C7(#9) C#7(#9) D7(#9) Eb7(#9) E7(#9) F#13(#11) FM7

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