

## Lush Life

Ballad

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## 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 cock - tails. The 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  
 you came a - long with your si - ren song to tempt me to mad - ness. I  
 thought for a - while that your polg - nant smile was tinged with the sad - ness of a great love for me...  
 Ah! Yes, I was wrong. A - gain, I was wrong.

## CHORUS

D $\flat$ Ma7 D7 D $\flat$ Ma7 D7 D $\flat$ 6 C9 B7 $\flat$ 9 EMa7 D7  
 Life is lone - ly a - gain and on - ly last year ev - 'ry-thing seemed so sure. Now

D $\flat$ Ma7 D7 D $\flat$ Ma7 D7 D $\flat$ Ma7 D $\flat$ 9 C7 $\flat$ 9 FMa7 E $\flat$ 7  
 life is aw - ful a - gain, a trough-ful of hearts could on - ly be a bore. A

A $\flat$ Ma7 E $\flat$ 7 $\sharp$ 5 $\sharp$ 9 A $\flat$ Ma7 E m7 A7 DMa7 D m7 G7 C6 A $\flat$ 7  
 week in Pa - ris will ease the bite of it, all I care is to smile in spite of it.

D $\flat$ Ma7 D7 D $\flat$ Ma7 D7 D $\flat$ 6 C9 B7 $\flat$ 9 B $\flat$ 7 $\sharp$ 5 $\flat$ 9  
 I'll for - get you, I will, while yet you are still burn - ing in - side my brain. Ro -

E $\flat$ m7 F $\sharp$ m7 B7 A7 $\sharp$ 5 A $\flat$ 7 D $\flat$ Ma7 D $\flat$ m7 G $\flat$ 7 BMa7 B $\flat$ 7 $\flat$ 9  
 mance is mush, sti - fling those who strive, — I'll live a lush life in some small dive, — and

E $\flat$ m7 F $\sharp$ m7 B7 A7 $\sharp$ 5 A $\flat$ 7 EMa7 E $\flat$ 7 DMa7 G9 D $\flat$ Ma7  
 there I'll be while I rot with the rest of those whose lives are lone - ly too.