Lush Life

John Coltrane & Johnny Hartman

I used to visit all the very gay places
Those come what may places
Where one relaxes on the axis of the wheel of life
To get the feel of life from jazz and cocktailsAll the men I knew had sad and sullen gray faces
With distingue gay traces, that used to be there
You could see where they'd been washed away
By too many through the day, twelve o'clock talesThen you came along with your siren song to tempt me to madness
I knew all the while that your poignant smile
Was tinged with the sadness of a great love for me
Oh yes, I was wrong, again I was wrongNow life is lonely again
And only last year everything seemed so sure
Now life is awful again
A troughful of hearts could only be a boreA week in Paris will ease the bite of it
But all I really care is to smile in spite of it
I'll forget you, I will
And yet you are still burning inside my brainRomance is mush stifling those who strive
I'll live a lush life in some small dive
And there I'll be while I rot with the rest
Of those whose lives are lonely tooWhy must I be alone?
I don't want to be alone, no
Stay baby, oh baby
You can stay, stay, stay, stay, stay
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, oohSay, "I will", say, "I will", say, "I will", say, "I will"
I need you, say it baby, play it to me
Say it, say it louder, say it louder, I want my baby
Stay

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