## **Lush Life**

## **John Hicks**

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 cocktails All 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, 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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