

Lush Life

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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 tales
Then 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 wrong
Now 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 bore
A 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 brain
Romance 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 too
Why 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, ooh
Say, "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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