

LUSH LIFE

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A

Db6 B9 DbΔ7₃ B9 DbΔ7₃ B9

I used to vis - it all the ve - ry gay pla - ces, those comewhat may pla - ces, where one re -
 The girls I knew had sad and sul - len gray fa - ces with dis - tin - gue tra - ces, that used to

DbΔ7 Eb-7 F-7 Gb-7 Ab-7 D7 DbΔ7 D7

lax - es on the ax - is of the wheel of life, to get the feel of life from jazz and
 be there, you could see where they'd been washed a - way by too ma - ny thru the day, twelve o' -

1. Db-6 D7#11 2. Db-6 G-7b5 C7 F- F-6 F-7 F-6 F-

cock-tails. The clock tales. Then you came a - long with your sir - en song to tempt me to mad - ness,

G- Gb7 F- F-6 F-7 F-6 DbΔ7₃ Eo7

I thought for a - while that your poig - nant smile was tinged with the sad - ness

Eb-7₃ Ab7 B7#11 Bb9 Eb-7 A7#11 Eb-7 Ab7

of a great love for me. Ah yes! I was wrong, a - gain I was wrong.

B

DbΔ7 D7#11 DbΔ7 D7#11 Db6 C-7b5 B7 EΔ7 D7#11

Life is lone - ly a - gain and on - ly last year ev - 'ry - thing seemed so sure. Now

DbΔ7 D7#11 DbΔ7 D7#11 Db6 Db7 C7 FΔ7 A7#11

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

AbΔ7 Eb7#9 AbΔ7 E-7 A7 DΔ7 D-7 G7 CΔ7 Ab7₃

week in Par - is will ease the bite of it, all I care is to smile in spite of it.

DbΔ7 D7#11 DbΔ7 D7#11 Db6 C-7b5 B7 F-7 Bb7

I'll for - get you, I will, while yet you are still burn - ing in - side my brain. Ro -

Gb-7 B7 A7 Ab7 DbΔ7 Gb7 F-7 Bb7

mance is mush sti - fling those who strive, I'll live a lush life in some small dive, and

Gb-7 B7 A7 Ab7 EΔ7 Eb6 DΔ7 G7 Db6 D7 Db6

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