

Begin the Beguine by Cole Porter
Various

[Intro]

A# A#6 A#7M A#6 A# A#6 A#7M A#6

[Verse]

A# A#6 A#7M A#6 A# A#6 A#7M A#6
When they begin the beguine,
A# A#6 A#7M A#6 F7
It brings back the sound of music so tender,
Cm Cm7 Cm Cm7
It brings back a night of tropical splendor,
Bm5-/7 F7 F7sus4 F7 A#9 A#
It brings back a memory ever green.
A# A#6 A#7M A#6 A# A#6 A#7M A#6
I'm with you once more under the stars,
A# A#7M Gm7 F7
And down by the shore, an orchestra's playing;
F7 Bm5-/7 F7 D# F7 F7sus4 F7
A# A#6 A#7M A#6
And even the palms seem to be swaying. When they begin the beguine.

[Bridge]

A#m D#7 G# G#m C#7
F#7M F#
To live it again is past all endeavor. Except when that tune clutches my heart,
C#dim D#m F F# F D#m7
F F7
And there we are, swearing to love forever, and promising never, never to part.
A# A#6 A#7M A#6 A# A#6 A#7M A#6
What moments divine, what rapture serene,
A# A#7 F7
Til clouds came along to disperse the joy we had tasted;
Dm Bm5-/7
And now when I hear people curse the chance that was wasted,
F7 Bm5-/7 F7 A#9 A# F7 A#6 A#
7M A#6
I know but too well what they mean. So don't let them begin the beguine,
F7 A# A#6 F7
Let the love that was once a fire remain an ember;
D# Cm7 C#m5-/7 Gm
Let it sleep like the dead desire I only remember
Bm5-/7 F7 Bm5-/7 F7 A# A#6
When they begin the beguine.
F7 A# A#6 A# A#7M A#6
Oh, yes, let them begin the beguine, make them play,
F7 A# A#6 A#7M F7
Til the stars that were there before return above you,
D# Cm7 C#m5-/7 G7
Til you whisper to me once more, "Darling, I love you."
Bm7 Bm5-/7
And we suddenly know . . . what heaven we're in
F7 A# A#m7 Cm7 D#m6 F7 A# A#6 A#7M A#
6 A#
When they begin the beguine. When they begin the beguine.