

Begin The Beguine

Music by Cole Porter

The sheet music consists of eight staves of musical notation with lyrics underneath. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature varies between common time and 3/4.

Staff 1: D, D⁶, Dmaj⁷ D⁶, D, D⁶, Em⁷, A⁷

When they be-gin the be - guine, it brings back the sound of music so ten - der, it

Staff 2: Em⁷, A⁷⁽⁹⁾, Dmaj⁷

brings back a night, of trop-i-cal splen - dor. It brings back a mem - o-ry ev - er green.

Staff 3: D⁶, D, D⁶, Dmaj⁷ D⁶, D, Dmaj⁷, D^{#dim}

I'm with you once more un-der the stars, and down by the shore an or-ches-tra

Staff 4: Em⁷, Em⁷/A, A⁷⁽⁹⁾

play - ing and ev-en the palms seem to be sway - ing when they be-gin the be-

Staff 5: D, Dm⁷, G⁷, C, Cm⁷, F⁷

guine. To live it a - gain is past all en - dev - our, ex - cept when that tune clutches your

Staff 6: B_b, Bdim, A, B_b, A, Gm⁷

heart, and there we are, swear-ing to love for-ev - er, and prom-is ing nev - er nev - er to

Staff 7: Em⁷/A, A⁷, D, D⁶, Dmaj⁷, D⁶

part. What mo-ments di - vine, what rap-ture se - rene till

Staff 8: D, D^{#dim}, Em⁷

clouds came a - long to dis - perse the joys we had tast - ed, and

2 Em^{7(b5)} Gm⁶ Em^{7/A}

57 now when I hear peo-ple curse the chance that was wast - ed I know but too well

A^{7(b9)} Dmaj⁷ D⁶ A^{7(b9)} D D⁶ Dmaj⁷ D⁶

62 what they mean; so don't let them be-gin the be - guine, let the

D D⁶ A^{7/E} A⁷ Gmaj⁷

69 love that was once a - fire re-main an em - ber; let it sleep like the dead de-

G⁶ F#m⁷ B^{7(b9)} Em⁷ A^{7(b9)} Dmaj⁷ D⁶ A^{7(b9)}

74 sire I on-ly re-mem - ber, when they be-gin the be - guine. Oh yes,

D D⁶ Dmaj⁷ D⁶ D

81 let them be-gin the be-guine, make them play, till the stars that were there be-

Em D F#m⁷ Fdim A^{7/E} A⁷ Gmaj⁷ Em⁷

86 fore re-turn a - bove you, till you whis-per to me once more, "Dar-ling, I

F#m⁷ B^{7(b9)} Em⁷ Em^{7(b5)} Gm⁶ Em^{7/A}

91 love you!" and we sud-den-ly know what heav-en we're in when they be-gin

A^{7(b9)} D D⁶ Em⁷ Em^{7/A} D D⁶ Dmaj⁷ D

98 the be - guine when they be-gin the be