

BEGIN THE BEGUINE

Words & Music by Cole Porter, 1935

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A **A6** **AM7** **A6** **A** **A6** **AM7** **A6**
WHEN THEY BEGIN THE BEGUINE,
A **A6** **AM7** **A6** **E7**
IT BRINGS BACK THE SOUND OF MUSIC SO TENDER,
Bm **Bm7** **Bm** **Bm7**
IT BRINGS BACK A NIGHT OF TROPICAL SPLENDOR,
Bm7-5 **E7** **E7sus4** **E7** **A9** **A**
IT BRINGS BACK A MEMORY EVER GREEN.

A **A6** **AM7** **A6** **A** **A6** **AM7** **A6**
I'M WITH YOU ONCE MORE UNDER THE STARS,
A **AM7** **F#m7** **E7**
AND DOWN BY THE SHORE, AN ORCHESTRA'S PLAYING;
E7 **Bm7-5** **E7** **D**
AND EVEN THE PALMS SEEM TO BE SWAYING
E7 **E7sus4** **E7** **A** **A6** **AM7** **A6**
WHEN THEY BEGIN THE BEGUINE.

Bridge:

Am **D7** **G**
TO LIVE IT AGAIN IS PAST ALL ENDEAVOR
Gm **C7** **FM7** **F**
EXCEPT WHEN THAT TUNE CLUTCHES MY HEART,
Cdim **Dm** **E** **F**
AND THERE WE ARE, SWEARING TO LOVE FOREVER,
E **Dm7** **E** **E7**
AND PROMISING NEVER, NEVER TO PART.

A **A6** **AM7** **A6** **A** **A6** **AM7** **A6**
WHAT MOMENTS DIVINE, WHAT RAPTURE SERENE,
A **A7** **E7**
TIL CLOUDS CAME ALONG TO DISPERSE THE JOY WE HAD TASTED;
Dm **Bm7-5**
AND NOW WHEN I HEAR PEOPLE CURSE THE CHANCE THAT WAS WASTED,
E7 **Bm7-5** **E7** **A9** **A**
I KNOW BUT TOO WELL WHAT THEY MEAN.

E7 **A6** **AM7** **A6**
SO DON'T LET THEM BEGIN THE BEGUINE,
E7 **A** **A6** **E7**
LET THE LOVE THAT WAS ONCE A FIRE REMAIN AN EMBER;

D Bm7 C#m7-5 F#m
 LET IT SLEEP LIKE THE DEAD DESIRE I ONLY RE - MEM - BER
 Bm7-5 E7 Bm7-5 E7 A A6
 WHEN THEY BEGIN THE BEGUINE.

E7 A A6 A AM7 A6
 OH, YES, LET THEM BEGIN THE BEGUINE, MAKE THEM PLAY,
 E7 A A6 AM7 E7
 TIL THE STARS THAT WERE THERE BEFORE RETURN ABOVE YOU,
 D Bm7 C#m7-5 F#7
 TIL YOU WHISPER TO ME ONCE MORE, "DARLING, I LOVE YOU."
 Bm7 Bm7-5
 AND WE SUDDENLY KNOW . . .WHAT HEAVEN WE'RE IN
 E7 A Am7
 WHEN THEY BEGIN THE BEGUINE,
 Bm7 Dm6 E7 A A6 AM7 A6 A
 WHEN THEY BEGIN THE BEGUINE.

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