

Begin the Beguine

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A A6 A A6 A A6 Cdim9 E7
When they begin the beguine, It brings back the sound of music so tender,
Bm7 E7 A A6
It brings back a night of tropical splendor, It brings back a memory ever green.
A A6 A A6 A Cdim9
I'm with you once more under the stars, And down by the shore an
E7
orchestra's playing
Bm7 E7 A A6
And even the palms seem to be swaying When they begin the beguine.

Am D7 G6 Gm7 C7 F
To live it again is past all endeavor, Except when that tune clutches my heart,
Cdim E7 F E7 Dm E7
And there we are, swearing to love forever, And promising never, never to part.

A A6 A A6 A Cdim9
What moments divine, what rapture serene, Till clouds came along to disperse
E7
the joys we had tasted,
Dm Dm7
And now when I hear people curse the chance that was wasted,
E7 A A6
I know but too well what they mean;

A A6 A A6 A Cdim9
So don't let them begin the beguine Let the love that was once a fire remain an
E7
ember;
D Bm7 C#m Bm7 E7 AmA7
Let it sleep like the dead desire I only remember When they begin the beguine.

A A6 A A6 A
Oh yes, let them begin the beguine, make them play Till the stars that were
D E7
there before return above you,
D Bm7 A
Till you whisper to me once more, "Darling, I love you!"
Bm7 E7 (A A6)4x AmA7
And we suddenly know, what heaven we're in, When they begin the beguine