

## Begin The Beguine

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When they begin the beguine  
It brings back the sound of music so tender,  
It brings back a night of tropical splendour,  
It brings back a memory evergreen.

I'm with you once more under the stars,  
And down by the shore an orchestra's playing  
And even the palms seem to be swaying  
When they begin the beguine.

To live it again is past all endeavour,  
Except when that tune clutches my heart,  
And there we are, swearing to love forever,  
And promising never, never to part.

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

So don't let them begin the beguine  
Let the love that was once a fire remain an ember;  
Let it sleep like the dead desire I only remember  
When they begin the beguine.

Oh yes, let them begin the beguine, make them play  
Till the stars that were there before return above you,  
Till you whisper to me once more,  
"Darling, I love you!"  
And we suddenly know, what heaven we're in,  
When they begin the beguine.  
From the musical "Jubilee"  
(Cole Porter)