

Begin The Beguine
(da *Jubilee*, 1935)
The complete lyrics of Cole Porter, ed. by Robert Kimball,
New York, Da Capo Press, 1983, p. 188

Forma musicale: Canzone AABA + CC

Ciascuna sezione consta di 16 battute (invece delle regolari 8), eccettuata la seconda delle sezioni C, che si prolunga in una coda

A

When they begin the beguine
It brings back the sound of music so
tender,
It brings back a night of tropical
splendor,
It brings back a memory ever green.

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.

A

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.

C

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

B

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

C + coda

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

A

What moments divine, what rapture
serene,

When they begin the beguine.