

***Begin the beguine* — Cole Porter (dal musical *Jubilee*, 1935)**

**Mildred Bailey, 1944**

**When they begin the beguine**

**A**

**It brings back the sound of music so tender**

**It brings back a night of tropical splendor**

**It brings back a memory evergreen**

**I'm with you once more under the stars**

**A**

**And down by the shore**

**An orchestras playing**

**And even the palms seem to be swaying**

**When they begin the beguine**

**To live it again is past all endeavor**

**B**

**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**

**A\***

**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**

**C**

**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**

**C\***

**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**