# **Unsung Songwriter**

### Module 18 of Music: Under the Hood

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## Outline

- Biography of Jule Styne
- Five Minutes More

# Biography

- Jule Styne, 1905-1994
  - Born in London as Julius Kerwin Stein
    - Son of Jewish immigrants from Ukraine.
    - Moved to US, age 8, started piano lessons
    - Performed with Chicago, Detroit and St Louis Symphonies by age 10.
    - Abandoned playing concert piano due to finger injury.
    - Changed name to avoid confusion with impresario Jules Stein.



# Biography

- Career
  - Teamed with lyricist Sammy Cahn
    - To write songs for Frank Sinatra and others.
  - Wrote music for many Broadway shows, including:
    - Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (1949)
    - Bells Are Ringing (1956)
    - Gypsy (1959)
    - Do Re Mi (1960)
    - Funny Girl (1963)
    - Hallelujah, Baby! (1967)
  - Yet many who love his songs have never heard of him.



# Biography

### Career

### - Published over 1500 songs

- Including these great songs:
  - I'll walk alone (1944)
  - I Fall in Love Too Easily, from Anchors Aweigh (1945)
  - Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! (1945)
  - Five Minutes More (1946)
  - The Christmas Waltz, from White Christmas (1954)
  - Three Coins in the Fountain, from the film (1955)
  - Just in Time, from Bells Are Ringing (1956)
  - The Party's Over, from Bells Are Ringing (1956)
  - Everything's Coming Up Roses, from Gypsy (1959)
  - Let Me Entertain You, from Gypsy (1959)
  - Make Someone Happy, from Do Re Mi (1960)
  - Don't Rain on My Parade, from Funny Girl (1964)
  - People, from Funny Girl (1964)

## **Five Minutes More**

- 1946 song by Styne & Sammy Cahn
  - Big hit for Frank Sinatra
    - In watered-down arrangement
    - Sung here by Tex Beneke and Glenn Miller Orchestra, 1946
    - Appeared in movie Sweetheart of Sigma Chi





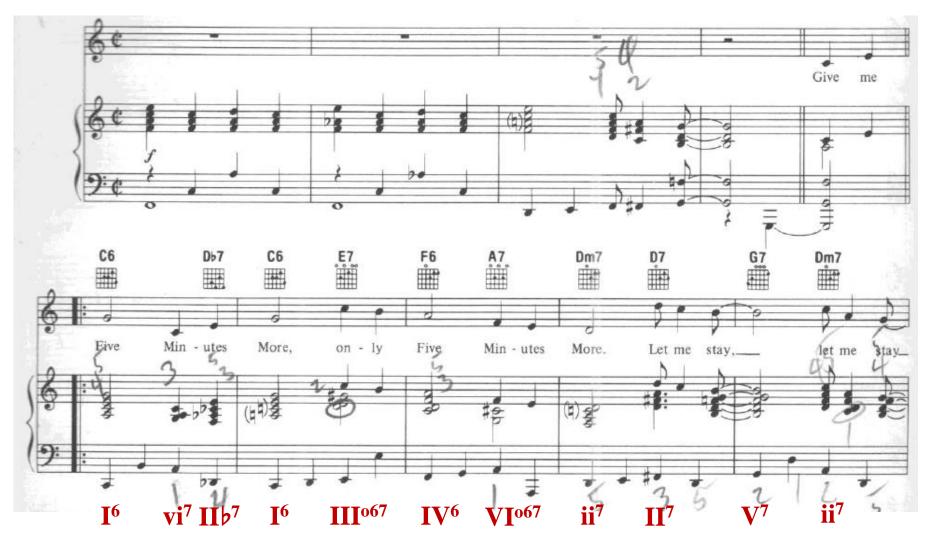
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## **Five Minutes More**

- 1946 song by Styne & Sammy Cahn
  - Some "nonfunctional harmony" gives it a cool sound
    - As in Debussy's *La fille aux cheveux de lin*
    - Lots of major 6 and minor 7 chords
    - Chords correspond to no obvious progression.
    - But also contains standard V-I cadences.

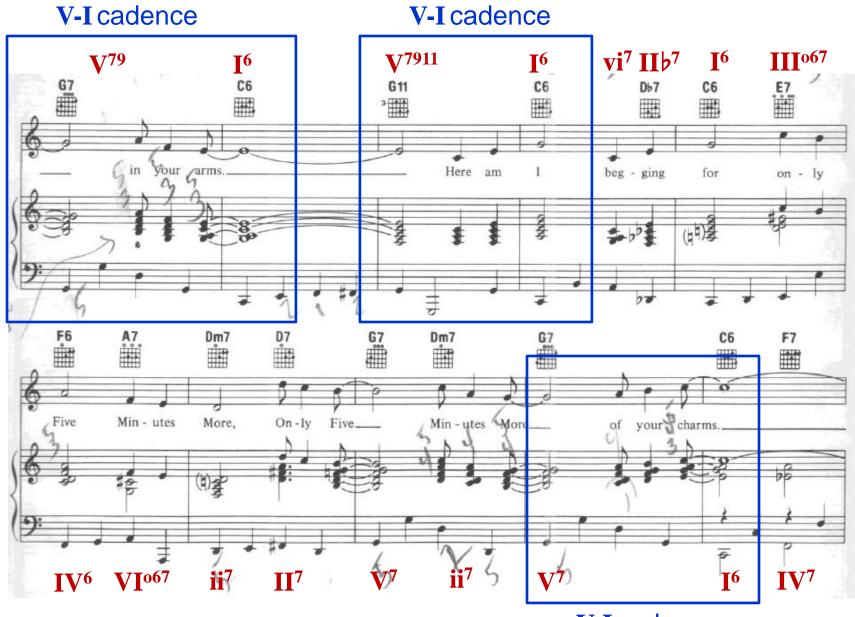
Sammy Cahn (left) and Jule Styne





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V-I cadence