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





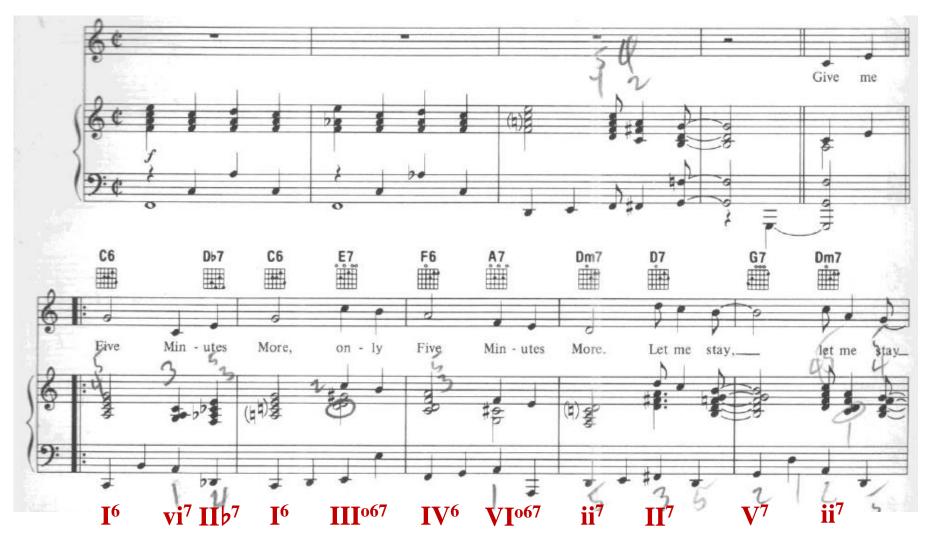
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Five Minutes More

- 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.

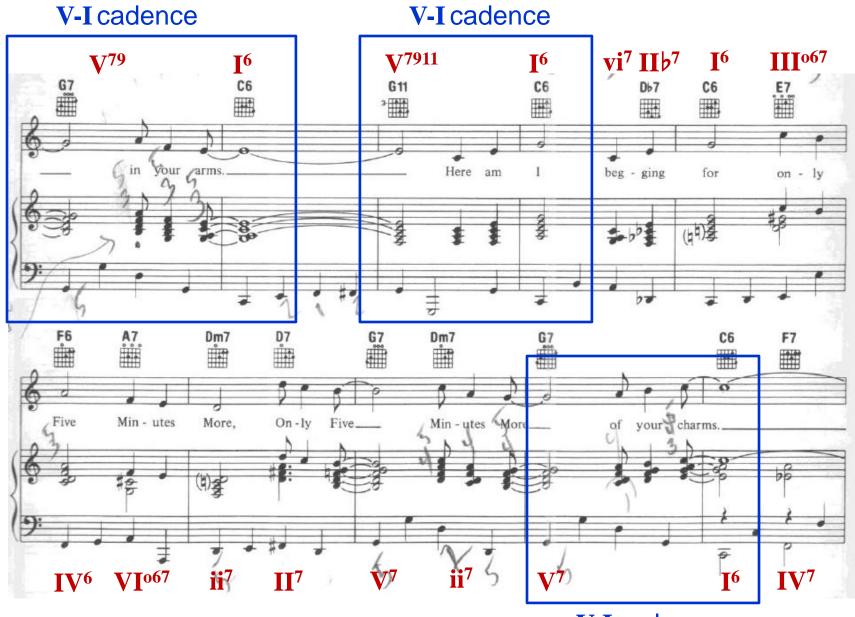
Sammy Cahn (left) and Jule Styne





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V-I cadence