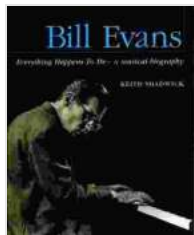


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(BALLAD) EVERYTHING HAPPENS TO ME

-MATT DENNIS/TOM ADAIR

C-7 *F7* *D-7* *D^b7*

I make a date for golf and you can bet your life it rains, I
nev-er miss a thing, I've had the sea-side and the sun, and

C-7 *F7* *D-7* *G7* *B^b7* *C-7*

try to give a party and the guy up-stairs com-plaints. I guess I'll go thru life just catch-in'
ev-rytime I play an ace my part-ner al-ways troupe. I guess I'm just a fool who nev-er

D-7 *G7* *C-7* *F7* *B^b7* *G^b7*

colds and miss-in' trains. ev-ry-thing hap-pens to me. I
locks be-fore ev jump.

C-7 *F7* *B^b6* *F-7* *B^b7*

ev-ry-thing hap-pens to me. At first my heart tho't you could break this

E^b7 *C^b7* *F-7* *B^b7* *E^b7*

line for me, that love would turn the trick to end in de-spair.

E-7 *A⁷#9* *D^b7* *G-7* *C-7*

now I just can't fool this head that thinks for me. I've moth-godded all my dis-ties in the

In the annals of jazz music, few pianists have left an enduring legacy like Bill Evans. With his exquisite touch, melodic genius, and unparalleled improvisational skills, Evans revolutionized the art of jazz piano. Among his many acclaimed works, the album "Everything Happens to Me" stands as a testament to his artistry and profound impact on the genre.

Released in 1963, "Everything Happens to Me" showcases Evans in the company of his renowned trio featuring bassist Scott LaFaro and drummer Paul Motian. Together, they embark on a musical journey through a captivating repertoire of jazz standards, infusing each piece with their own unique interpretation and emotional depth.

Melodic Masterstrokes

One of the defining characteristics of Bill Evans' piano playing is his ability to craft unforgettable melodies. On "Everything Happens to Me," he exhibits this talent in abundance. His solos are marked by a lyrical quality that seems to float effortlessly over the harmonies, creating a sense of both introspection and transcendence.

Take, for example, his rendition of the title track. Evans' left hand gently caresses the chords while his right hand weaves a tapestry of intricate melodic lines. The result is a performance that is both hauntingly beautiful and profoundly moving.

Masterful Improvisation

Equally impressive is Evans' improvisational prowess. On "Everything Happens to Me," he demonstrates his ability to take familiar melodies and transform them into something entirely new. His improvisations are not merely technical exercises but rather spontaneous expressions of his innermost emotions.

In his solo on "Waltz for Debby," Evans embarks on a breathtaking journey of harmonic exploration. He seamlessly traverses different keys and rhythmic patterns, creating a sense of both freedom and control. The result

is a performance that is both intellectually stimulating and emotionally resonant.

Musical Interpretation

Beyond his technical virtuosity, Bill Evans was also a master of musical interpretation. On "Everything Happens to Me," he approaches each song with a deep understanding of its lyrical and emotional content. His playing captures the nuances and subtleties of the compositions, bringing them to life with a profound sense of authenticity.

In his interpretation of "My Foolish Heart," Evans' piano seems to weep with the song's inherent melancholy. His phrasing is imbued with a sense of yearning and regret, perfectly capturing the emotional core of the piece.

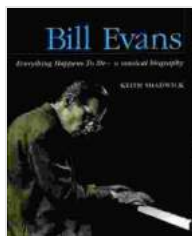
Transformative Impact

The release of "Everything Happens to Me" had a profound impact on the jazz landscape. Evans' unique approach to piano playing inspired a generation of musicians and helped shape the future of the genre. His emphasis on melody, improvisation, and musical interpretation became hallmarks of modern jazz.

To this day, "Everything Happens to Me" is considered a masterpiece of jazz piano. It continues to be studied and celebrated by musicians and music lovers alike, serving as a testament to the enduring legacy of Bill Evans.

Bill Evans' "Everything Happens to Me" is an album that transcends time. Its exquisite melodies, masterful improvisations, and profound musical interpretations make it a towering achievement in the history of jazz. It is a

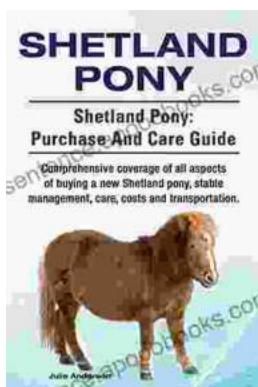
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