STRAIGHTEN UP AND FLY RIGHT

Nat "King" Cole & Irving Mills – 1944

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   F             F7          Bb6       Fdim
A buzzard took a monkey for a ride in the air
C7   F      Fmaj7       Dm7            C#9   C9
The monkey thought that ev'rything was on the square
      F              F7              Bb  Bb6   Fdim
The buzzard tried to throw the monkey off   his   back
         F        Fmaj7       Dm7              Gm7      C7b9
But the monkey grabbed his neck and said, "Now listen Jack"
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chorus

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F            F7        Bb6   Bbm6   F         Fdim     Bb9        Am  C7
Straighten up and fly   right,      straighten up and fly    right
F          F7       Bb6       C#7
Straighten up and fly    right
   F6         Dm7           C#9           C9
Cool  down Poppa. don't you blow your top!
F        F7       Bb6  Bbm6   F            Fdim    Bb9     Am  C7
Ain't no use in divin',          what's the use of divin'?
F          F7       Bb6    C#7
Straighten up and fly right
   F6         Dm7           C9     C7    F6
Cool down Poppa don't you blow your top!
    A9
The buzzard told the monkey, "you are chokin' me"
     D7                       D9  Eb9   D9
"Re - lease your hold and I will set  you  free"
   G9                   Gdim         G9
The monkey looked the buzzard right dead in the eye and said
    Gm9       C9         Gm7          C#9  C9
"Your story's so touching, it sounds just like a  lie"
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F   F7 Bb6 Bbm6 F   Fdim Bb9 Am C7
Straighten up and fly right, straighten up and fly right

F   F7 Bb6 C#7
Straighten up and fly right

 F6   Dm7   C9   F6 Caug7
Cool down Poppa. don't you blow your top!

final ending: C9 C7 F6

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