

From: "Billy Joel - An Innocent Man"

The Longest Time

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Recorded by BILLY JOEL
The Longest Time

For SATB a cappella
 Duration: ca. 3:30

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Doo-wop ♩ = 84

Opt. finger snaps
 7 x 7 x 7 x 7 x *sim.*

Tenor Solo
 mf

Soprano Alto
 mf

Tenor Bass
 mf

Piano
 (for rehearsal only)
 mf

Woh, _____ for the long[†]-est

Woh, _____ for the long[†]-est

Bm bm bm, woh, _____ for the long[†]-est, for the long - est

Doo-wop ♩ = 84

time. Woh, _____ for the long - est.

time. Woh, _____ for the long - est.

time. Woh, _____ for the long - est, for the long - est.

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† when singing "Long", go immediately to "ng"

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1. If you said good - bye to me to - night,
 2. Once I thought my in - no - cense was gone.

Oo, _____ oo, _____

Unis.

there would still be mu - sic left to write.
 Now I know that hap - pi - ness goes on.

oo. _____ Ah, _____

What else would I do, I'm so in - spired — by you.
That's where you found me, when you put your arms a - round me.

ah, ah,

ah, ah,

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That has - n't hap - pened for the long - est time. Woh, _____
I have - n't been there for the long - est time.

for the long - est time, Woh, _____

for the long - est time. Woh, _____

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for the long-est time. Woh, for the long-est.

for the long-est time. Woh, for the long-est.

for the long-est, for the long-est time. Woh, for the long-est, for the long-est.

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3. I'm that voice you're hear - ing in the hall,
 4. Who knows how much fur - ther we'll go on.

Oo, Oo, *Unis.*

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and the great - est mir - a - cle of all,
May - be I'll be sor - ry when you're gone.

oo. Ah,

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is how I need you and how you need - ed me, too.
I'll take my chanc - es, I for - got how nice ro - mance is.

ah, ah,

ah, ah,

21

That has - n't hap - pened for the long - est time.
I have - n't been there for the long - est time.

for the long - est time.

for the long - est time.

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25 *End finger snaps*

May - be had this won't last ver - y long, but I
I had this second thoughts at the start. I

Bm oo - wa oo - wah. *Bm* oo - wa oo - wah.

Bm oo - wa oo - wah. *Bm* oo - wa oo - wah.

Bm oo - wa oo - wah. *Bm* oo - wa oo - wah.

Bm oo - wa oo - wah. *Bm* oo - wa oo - wah.

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you said feel so right, and I could be wrong.
to my - self hold on to your heart.

Bm oo - wa oo - wah. **Bm** oo - wa oo - wah.

Bm oo - wa oo - wah. **Bm** oo - wa oo - wah.

Bm oo - wa oo - wah. **Bm** oo - wa oo - wah.

Bm oo - wa oo - wah. **Bm** wa oo - wah.

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May - be I've been hop - ing too hard, but
Now I know the wom - an that you are, you're

Bm oo - wa oo - wah. **Bm** oo - wa oo - wah.

Bm oo - wa oo - wah. **Bm** oo - wa oo - wah.

Bm oo - wa oo - wah. **Bm** oo - wa oo - wah.

Bm oo - wa oo - wah. **Bm** oo - wa oo - wah.

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I've gone this far and it's more than I hoped for.
 won - der - ful so far and it's more than I hoped for.

Bm oo - wa oo - wah.
Bm no - wa oo - wah. More than I hoped for.

Bm oo - wa oo - wah. More than I hoped for.
Bm oo - wa oo - wah, more. *Bm* *bm* *bm*

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33 *opt, resume finger snaps*

I don't care what consequence it brings. I have been a

Oo, oo, oo.

Unis.

33

fool for less - er things. I want you so bad, I think you ought to know that

Ah, ah, ah,

ah, ah,

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I in - tend to hold you for the long - est time. Woh,

for the long - est time. Woh,

for the long - est time. Woh,

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for the long-est time. Woh, _____ for the long-est

for the long-est time. Woh, _____ for the long-est

for the long-est, for the long-est time. Woh, _____ for the long-est, for the long-est

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End finger snaps
rit.

time. Woh, _____ for the long - est time. _____

time. Woh, _____ for the long - est time. _____

time. Woh, _____ for the long - est, for the long - est time.

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