

Vocals The Longest Time

- Billy Joel -

*Words and Music by Billy Joel
Arranged by Mathijs Zuidema
Original Key Eb major*

This **EASY FUN** arrangement is very nice and very simple:
The melody (LEAD)
The 2nd voice (VOICE 2)
The distinctive bass line (VOICE 3)
can all be sung by men or women.

Presto Doo Wop $\text{♩} = 87$

A

LEAD High
woh _____ for the long - est

VOICE 2
woh _____ for the long - est

VOICE 3
doom doom doom woh _____ for the long - est for the long - est

LEAD
time woh _____ for the long - est

V2
time woh _____ for the long - est

V3
time woh _____ for the long - est for the long - est

B

LEAD
If you say "good - bye" to me to - night,

V2
ooh _____

V3
ooh _____

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LEAD
now I know that hap - pi - ness goes on.

V2
Aah

V3
ooh
Aah

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LEAD
That's where you found me, when you put your arms a - round me.

V2
aah
aah

V3
aah
aah

37

LEAD
I have - n't been there for the long - est time.

V2
for the long - est time.

V3
for the long - est time.

D

LEAD
woh
for the long - est

V2
woh
for the long - est

V3
woh
for the long - est for the long - est

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LEAD

that has - n't hap - pened for the long - est time.

V2

for the long - est time.

V3

for the long - est time.

F

LEAD

May - be this won't last ver - y long, but

V2

pam_____ wha - ooh - ah pam_____ wha - ooh - ah

V3

pam_____ wha - ooh - ah pam_____ wha - ooh - ah

69

LEAD

you feel so right and I could be wrong.

V2

pam_____ wha - ooh - ah pam_____ wha - ooh - ah

V3

pam_____ wha - ooh - ah pam_____ wha - ooh - ah

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LEAD

May - be I've been ho - ping too hard, but

V2

pam_____ wha - ooh - ah pam_____ wha - ooh - ah

V3

pam_____ wha - ooh - ah pam_____ wha - ooh - ah

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LEAD I have - n't been there for the long - est time.

V2 _____ for the long - est time.

V3 _____ for the long - est time.

[H]

LEAD I had such good thoughts at the start. I

V2 pam _____ wha - ooh - ah pam _____ wha - ooh - ah

V3 pam _____ wha - ooh - ah pam _____ wha - ooh - ah

101

LEAD said to my - self: "Hold on to your heart".

V2 pam _____ wha - ooh - ah pam _____ wha - ooh - ah

V3 pam _____ wha - ooh - ah pam _____ wha - ooh - ah

105

LEAD Now I know the wo - man that you are. You're

V2 pam _____ wha - ooh - ah pam _____ wha - ooh - ah

V3 pam _____ wha - ooh - ah pam _____ wha - ooh - ah

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

V2 _____ for the long - est time.

V3 _____ for the long - est time.

J

LEAD woh _____ for the long - est

V2 woh _____ for the long - est

V3 woh _____ for the long - est for the long - est

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LEAD time woh _____ for the long - est

V2 time woh _____ for the long - est

V3 time woh _____ for the long - est for the long - est

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LEAD woh _____ for the long - est

V2 woh _____ for the long - est

V3 woh _____ for the long - est for the long - est

Lyrics

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A
Oh, oh, oh
For the longest time
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For the longest

B [VERSE 1]
If you said goodbye to me tonight
There would still be music left to write
What else could I do
I'm so inspired by you
That hasn't happened for the longest time

C [VERSE 2]
Once I thought my innocence was gone
Now I know that happiness goes on
That's where you found me
When you put your arms around me
I haven't been there for the longest time

D
Oh, oh, oh
For the longest time
Oh, oh, oh
For the longest

E [VERSE 3]
'm that voice you're hearing in the hall
And the greatest miracle of all
Is how I need you
And how you needed me too
That hasn't happened for the longest time

F
Maybe this won't last very long
But you feel so right
And I could be wrong
Maybe I've been hoping too hard
But I've gone this far
And it's more than I hoped for

G [VERSE 4]
Who knows how much further we'll go on
Maybe I'll be sorry when you're gone
I'll take my chances
I forgot how nice romance is
I haven't been there for the longest time

H
I had second thoughts at the start
I said to myself
Hold on to your heart
Now I know the woman that you are
You're wonderful so far
And it's more than I hoped for

I [VERSE 5]
I don't care what consequence it brings
I have been a fool for lesser things
I want you so bad
I think you ought to know that
I intend to hold you for the longest time

J 3x
Oh, oh, oh
For the longest time
Oh, oh, oh
For the longest