

The Longest Time - EASY FUN arrangement

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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 ♩=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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Vocals

29

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

V2
Aah

V3
ooh
Aah

33

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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Vocals

61

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

73

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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Vocals

93

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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Vocals

125

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

133

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

137

LEAD woh _____ for the long - est

V2 woh _____ for the long - est

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

Vocals + Piano

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LEAD
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

Piano
Bb F Bb/D Eb F

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

Pno.
Bb F Bb/D Eb F

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Vocals + Piano

21

LEAD

V2

V3

Pno.

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

E_b /D Cm F B_b

C

LEAD

V2

V3

Pno.

Once I thought my in - no - cence was gone,
ooh
ooh

B_b F/A Gm⁷ F E_b B_b

29

LEAD

V2

V3

Pno.

now I know that hap - pi - ness goes on.
Aah
ooh Aah

B_b F/A Gm⁷ F C/E C F

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Vocals + Piano

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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

Pno.
Bb F Bb/D Eb F

E

LEAD
I'm that voice you're hear - ing in the hall.

V2
ooh

V3
ooh

Pno.
Bb F/A Gm7 F Eb Bb

53

LEAD
And the grea - test mi - ra - cle off all.

V2
Aah

V3
ooh Aah

Pno.
Bb F/A Gm7 F C/E C F

7 The Longest Time - EASY FUN
Vocals + Piano

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

Pno.

A Bb

73

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

Pno.

Dm Gm

77

LEAD

I've gone this far and it's more than I hoped for.

V2

pam_____ wha - ooh - ah more than I hoped for.

V3

pam_____ wha - ooh - ah more than I hoped for.

Pno.

C7 F F7/G F7/A

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Vocals + Piano

93

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

V2 for the long - - est time.

V3 for the long - - est time.

Pno. Eb /D Cm F Bb

[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

Pno. F Gm

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

Pno. A Bb

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LEAD
I have been a fool for lesser things.

V2
Aah

V3
ooh Aah

Pno.
Bb F/A Gm7 F C/E C F

121

LEAD
I want you so bad, I think you ought to know that

V2
aah aah

V3
aah aah

Pno.
D /F# Gm F/A F Bb Bb7/D

125

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

V2
for the long - - est time.

V3
for the long - - est time.

Pno.
Eb /D Cm F Bb

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Vocals + Piano

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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

Pno.
Bb F Bb/D Eb F

145

LEAD
woh

V2
woh

V3
woh for the long - est

Pno.
Bb F Bb/D Eb

148

LEAD
for the long - est time woh

V2
for the long - est time woh

V3
for the long - est time woh

Pno.
F Bb F Bb/D

Piano
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First system of musical notation for 'The Longest Time'. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Presto Doo Wop' with a quarter note equal to 87 beats per minute. A box labeled 'A' is placed above the first measure. The notation includes chords and melodic lines in both hands.

Second system of musical notation, starting at measure 5. It continues the grand staff notation from the first system, showing chords and melodic lines in both hands.

Third system of musical notation, starting at measure 9. A box labeled 'B' is placed above the first measure. The notation continues with chords and melodic lines in both hands.

Fourth system of musical notation, starting at measure 13. The notation continues with chords and melodic lines in both hands.

Fifth system of musical notation, starting at measure 17. The notation continues with chords and melodic lines in both hands.

Sixth system of musical notation, starting at measure 21. The notation continues with chords and melodic lines in both hands.

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A
Oh, oh, oh
For the longest time
Oh, oh, oh
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]
I'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 consequences 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