

The Longest Time

Words and Music by Billy Joel

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. The vocal parts are arranged as follows:

- Tenor 1:** Starts with a whole rest, then sings "Woah" (half note), "Oh" (quarter note), "Oh" (quarter note), "Oh" (quarter note), and "For the lon - gest" (quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter notes).
- Alto:** Starts with a whole rest, then sings "Woah" (half note), "Oh" (quarter note), "Oh" (quarter note), "Oh" (quarter note), and "For the lon - gest" (quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter notes).
- Tenor 2:** Starts with a whole rest, then sings "Woah" (half note), "Oh" (quarter note), "Oh" (quarter note), "Oh" (quarter note), and "For the lon - gest" (quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter notes).
- Tenor 3:** Starts with a whole rest, then sings "Woah" (half note), "Oh" (quarter note), "Oh" (quarter note), "Oh" (quarter note), and "For the lon - gest" (quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter notes).
- Baritone:** Starts with "Dum Dum Dum" (three eighth notes), then "Woah" (half note), "Oh" (quarter note), "Oh" (quarter note), "Oh" (quarter note), and "Lon - gest Oh" (quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter notes).
- Bass:** Starts with a whole rest, then sings "Woah" (half note), "Oh" (quarter note), "Oh" (quarter note), and "The lon - gest-time" (quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter notes).

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T. time, Oh Oh Oh If you said good -

A. ti - me, Oh Oh For the lon-gest Doo doo doo doo

T. time, Woah Oh Oh For the lon-gest Doo doo doo doo

T. time, Woah Oh Oh For the lon-gest Doo doo doo doo

Bar. time, Woah Oh For the lon-gest Oh Oh Doo

B. time, Woah Oh Oh Lon-gest Oh Doo doo doo doo

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T. bye to me to-night, there would still be mu-sic left to write.

A. doo doo ooh woo oo oo ooh doo doo doo doo Ahh ah

T. doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo Ahh ah

T. doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo Ahh ah

Bar. doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo Ahh ah

B. doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

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T. What else could I Do? I'm so in-spi-red by you, that has-n't hap-pened for the

A. ahh, ahh ahh ah ahh, ahh ahh ah ahh ahh ahh For the

T. ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ahh For the

T. ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ahh For the

Bar. ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ahh For the

B. doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

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T. lon - gest time. Once I thought my in - no-cence was gone.

A. lon - gest time. Doo doo doo doo doo doo ooh woo oo oo

T. lon - gest time. Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

T. lon - gest time. Doo doo doo doo doo doo

Bar. lon - gest time. Doo doo doo

B. lon - gest time. Doo doo doo doo doo doo

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T.  Now I know that hap - pi - ness goes on. That's where you found me,

A.  ooh doo doo doo doo. Ahh ah ahh, ahh ahh ah

T.  doo doo doo doo doo doo Ah ah ahh ahh ahh ah

T.  doo doo doo doo doo doo Ahh ah ahh ahh ahh ah

Bar.  doo doo doo doo doo doo Ahh ah ahh ahh ahh ah

B.  doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

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T.  when you put your arms a-round me, I have-n't been there for the lon - gest time.

A.  ahh, ahh ahh ah ahh ahh ah For the lon - gest time.

T.  ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ahh For the lon - gest time.

T.  ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ahh For the lon - gest time.

Bar.  ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ahh For the lon - gest time.

B.  doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo lon - gest time.

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T. 
 8 Woah Oh Oh Oh For the lon gest time, Oh Oh

A. 
 Woah Oh Oh Oh For the lon-gest ti - me, Oh

T. 
 8 Woah Oh Oh Oh For the lon gest time, Woah Oh

T. 
 8 Woah Oh Oh Oh For the lon gest time, Woah Oh

Bar. 
 Woah Oh Oh Oh Lon gest Oh time, Woah Oh

B. 
 Woah Oh Oh The lon gest time time, Woah Oh

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T. 
 8 Oh I'm that voice you're hea-ring in the hall,

A. 
 Oh For the lon-gest Doo doo doo doo doo doo ooh woo oo oo

T. 
 8 Oh For the lon gest Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

T. 
 8 Oh For the lon gest Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

Bar. 
 For the lon gest Oh Oh Doo doo doo

B. 
 Oh Lon gest Oh Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

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T.  May - be this won't last ver - y long, but you feel so right,

A.  Wah oo wah wah oo wah wah oo wah

T.  wah oo wah wah oo wah wah oo wah

T.  Bow wah oo wah bow wah oo wah bow wah oo wah

Bar.  wah oo wah wah oo wah wah oo wah

B.  Doo doo doo

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T.  I could be wrong. May - be I've been hop - ing too hard. But

A.  wah oo wah wah oo wah wah oo wah

T.  wah oo wah wah oo wah wah oo wah

T.  bow wah oo wah bow wah oo wah bow wah oo wah

Bar.  wah oo wah wah oo wah wah oo wah

B.  doo doo doo

39

T. I've gone this far, and it's more than I hoped for. Who knows how much

A. wah oo wah More than I hoped for Doo doo doo doo

T. wah oo wah Ooh Doo doo doo doo

T. bow wah oo wah Doo doo doo doo

Bar. wah oo wah More than I hoped for Doo

B. doo doo doo doo Doo doo doo doo

42

T. fur-ther we'll go on? May - be I'll be sor - ry when you're gone.

A. doo doo ooh woo oo oo ooh doo doo doo doo Ahh ah

T. doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo Ahh ah

T. doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo Ahh ah

Bar. doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo Ahh ah

B. doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

45

T. I'll take my chances. I forgot how nice romance is, I haven't been there for the

A. ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ah ah For the

T. ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ahh For the

T. ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ahh For the

Bar. ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ahh ahh ah ahh ahh For the

B. doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

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T. lon - gest time. I had sec - ond thoughts from the start. I

A. lon - gest time. Wah oo wah wah oo wah

T. lon - gest time. wah oo wah wah oo wah

T. lon - gest time. Bow wah oo wah bow wah oo wah

Bar. lon - gest time. wah oo wah wah oo wah

B. lon - gest time. Doo doo

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T.  said to my-self, "Hold on to your heart." Now I know the

A.  wah oo wah wah oo wah wah oo wah

T.  wah oo wah wah oo wah wah oo wah

T.  bow wah oo wah bow wah oo wah bow wah oo wah

Bar.  wah oo wah wah oo wah wah oo wah

B.  doo doo doo

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T.  woman that you are. You're wonder - ful so far, and it's more than I hoped for.

A.  wah oo wah wah oo wah More than I hoped for

T.  wah oo wah wah oo wah Ooh

T.  bow wah oo wah bow wah oo wah

Bar.  wah oo wah wah oo wah More than I hoped for

B.  doo doo doo doo doo

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T. I don't care what con - se - quence it brings, I have been a

A. Doo doo doo doo doo doo ooh woo oo oo ooh doo doo doo

T. Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

T. Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

Bar. Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

B. Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

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T. fool for les - ser things. I want you so bad, I think you ought to know that

A. doo Ahh ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah

T. doo doo Ahh ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah

T. doo doo Ahh ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah

Bar. doo doo doo doo Ahh ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah

B. doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

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T. I in - tend to hold you for the lon - gest time. Woah Oh Oh

A. ahh ah ah For the lon - gest time. Woah Oh Oh

T. ahh ahh For the lon - gest time. Woah Oh Oh

T. ahh ahh For the lon - gest time. Woah Oh Oh

Bar. ahh ahh For the lon - gest time. Woah Oh Oh

B. doo doo doo lon - gest time. Woah Oh Oh

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T. Oh For the lon-gest time, Oh Oh Oh

A. Oh For the lon-gest ti - me, Oh Oh For the lon-gest

T. Oh For the lon-gest time, Woah Oh Oh For the lon-gest

T. Oh For the lon-gest time, Woah Oh Oh For the lon-gest

Bar. Oh Lon-gest Oh time, Woah Oh For the lon-gest Oh Oh

B. The lon - gest-time time, Woah Oh Oh Lon-gest Oh

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T. 8
Woah Oh Oh Oh For the lon - gest

A. 8
Woah Oh Oh Oh For the lon - gest

T. 8
Woah Oh Oh Oh For the lon - gest

T. 8
Woah Oh Oh Oh For the lon - gest

Bar. 8
Woah Oh Oh Oh Lon - gest Oh

B. 8
Woah Oh Oh The lon - gest - time

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T. 8
time, Oh Oh Oh For the lon - gest time.

A. 8
ti - me, Oh Oh For the lon - gest time.

T. 8
time, Woah Oh Oh For the lon - gest time.

T. 8
time, Woah Oh Oh For the lon - gest time.

Bar. 8
time, Woah Oh For the lon - gest Oh Oh time.

B. 8
time, Woah Oh Oh Lon - gest Oh time.