

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** *mf* Woh, \_\_\_\_\_ for the long<sup>†</sup>-est

**Alto** *mf* Woh, \_\_\_\_\_ for the long<sup>†</sup>-est

**Tenor** *mf* Bm bm bm, woh, \_\_\_\_\_ for the long<sup>†</sup>-est, for the long - est

**Bass** *mf*

**Piano (for rehearsal only)** *mf*

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

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

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

† 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.

*Unis.*

Oo, oo,

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

oo. Ah,

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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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8  
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,

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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*

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May - be had this sec - ond thoughts ver - y long, but  
I had this sec - ond 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 feel so right, and I could be wrong.  
said 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 con - se - quence it brings. I have been a

Oo, oo, oo.

*Unis.*

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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 for 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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