

THE LONGEST TIME

Words and Music by
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Bright rock and roll, in 2 (♩ = about 76)

Guitar → C
(Capo up 3 frets)

Piano → E_b

G C/E F
B_b E_b/G A_b

mf Oh, oh, oh

Sva b throughout

G7 C G C/E F G7
B_b7 E_b B_b E_b/G A_b B_b7


sim. For the long - est time Oh, oh, oh For the long - est .


C C/B C/A Cmaj7/G F C
E_b E_b/D E_b/C E_bmaj7/B_b A_b E_b


If you said good - bye to me to - night
Once I thought my in - no - cence was gone


C/B C/A Cmaj7/G D7 G
E_b/D E_b/C E_bmaj7/B_b F7 B_b

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

E7

 G7

Am

 Cm

G7/B

 Bb7/D

C

 Eb

C7/E


 Eb7/G





What else could I do I'm so in - spired — by you
 That's where you found me When you put your arms a - round me

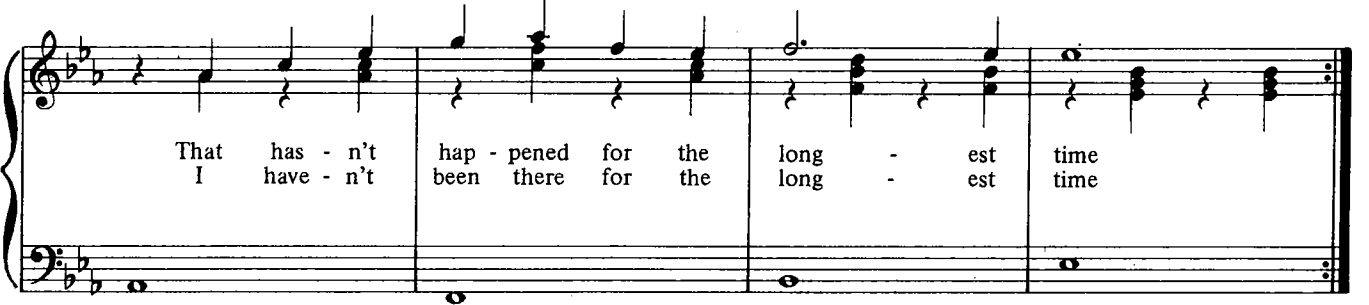
F

 Ab

Dm

 Fm

G

 Bb

C

 Eb




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

C

 Eb


G

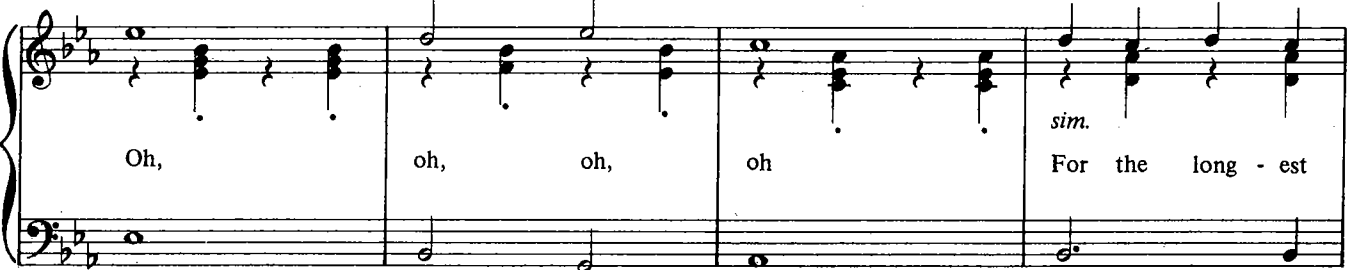
 Bb

C/E

 Eb/G


F

 Ab

G7

 Bb7




Oh, oh, oh, oh *sim.*
 For the long - est

C

 Eb


G

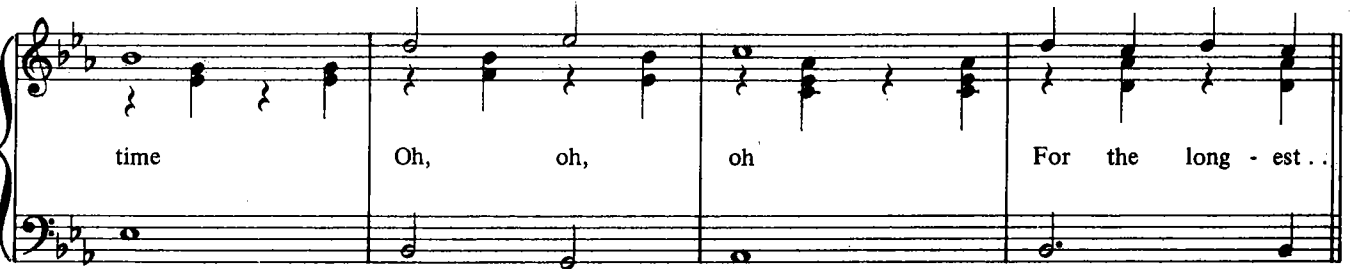
 Bb

C/E

 Eb/G

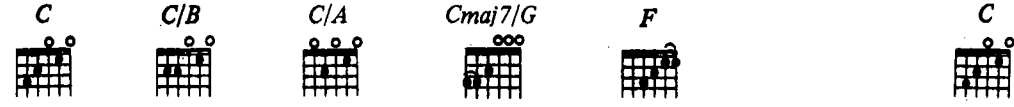
F

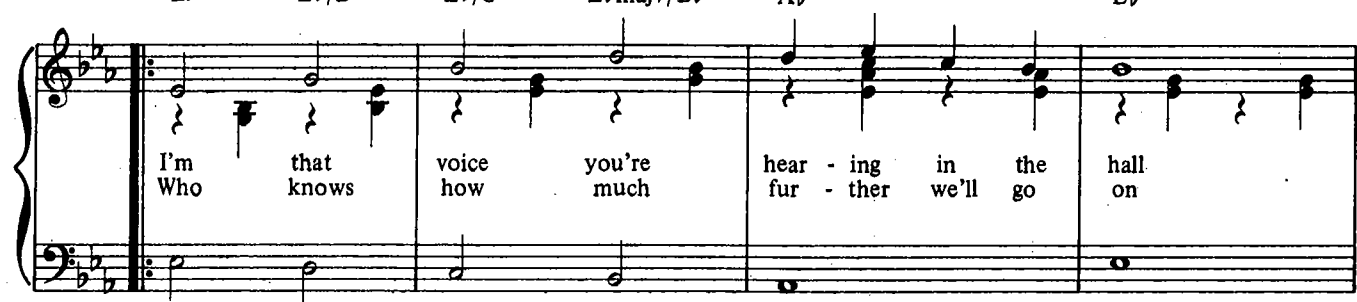
 Ab

G7

 Bb7

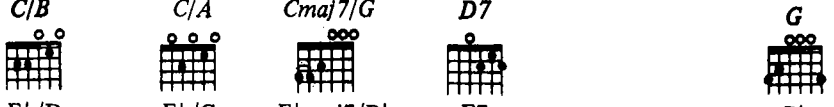



time Oh, oh, oh
 For the long - est ..

C *C/B* *C/A* *Cmaj7/G* *F* *C*

E♭ *E♭/D* *E♭/C* *E♭maj7/B♭* *A♭* *E♭*





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

C/B *C/A* *Cmaj7/G* *D7* *G*

E♭/D *E♭/C* *E♭maj7/B♭* *F7* *B♭*





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

E7 *Am* *G7/B* *C* *C7/E*

G7 *Cm* *B♭7/D* *E♭* *E♭7/G*



Is how I need you
 I'll take my chanc - es
 And how you
 I for - got how nice ro - mance is

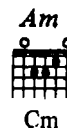
F *Dm* *G* *C*

A♭ *Fm* *B♭* *E♭*



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



Bb

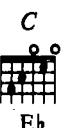


Cm

May I - be had this sec - ond last thoughts ver - y the long start But I



D7



Eb

you said feel so right self And Hold I on could to be your wrong heart



Gm

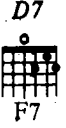


Cm

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



F



F7



Bb



Bb7

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

C
Eb
C/B
Eb/D
C/A
Eb/C
Cmaj7/G
Ebmaj7/Bb
F
Ab

I don't care what consequence it

C
Eb
C/B
Eb/D
C/A
Eb/C
Cmaj7/G
Ebmaj7/Bb

brings I have been a

D7
F7
G
Bb
E7
G7

fool for lesser things I want you

Am
Cm
G7/B
Bb7/D
C
Eb
C7/E
Eb7/G

so bad I think you ought to know that

F
Ab

Dm
Fm

G
Bb

I in - tend to hold you for the long - est

C
Eb

G
Bb

C/E
Eb/G

time Oh, oh, oh

F
Ab

G7
Bb7

C
Eb

oh For the long - est time

G
Bb

C/E
Eb/G

F
Ab

G7
Bb7

Repeat and fade

Oh, oh, oh For the long - est