

How Long Has This Been Going On?

Bass for Alto Voice Key

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Medium [June Christy 1954] ($\text{♩} = 112$)

A1

1 **C_{MI}⁹** **B^o⁷** **F⁷sus** **F⁹** **F_{MI}⁷** **B_b⁷** **E_b⁷** **A_b⁹**
I could cry salty tears; Where have I been all these years?

5 **B_b/D** **D_b⁹⁷** **C_{MI}⁷** **F⁷** **B_b⁷** **E_b⁷** **G_b⁷** **F⁷** **B_bMA⁷**
Lit-tle wow, tell me now, How long has this been go-ing on?
Listen you, tell me do, How long has this been go-ing on?

A2

9 **C_{MI}⁹** **B^o⁷** **F⁷sus** **F⁹** **F_{MI}⁷** **B_b⁷** **E_b⁷** **A_b⁹**
There were chills up my spine, And some thrills I can't de-fine.
What a kick! How I buzz! Boy, you click as no one does!

13 **B_b/D** **D_b⁹⁷** **C_{MI}⁷** **F⁷** **B_b⁷** **E_b⁷** **G_b⁷** **F⁷** **B_b⁶** **B_b⁷**
Lis-ten sweet, I re-pea:t: How long has this been go-ing on?
Hear me sweet, I re-pea:t: How long has this been go-ing on?

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17 **E_bMA⁷** **A_b⁷** **E_bMA⁷** **A_b⁷** **E_bMA⁷** **A_b⁷** **E_bMA⁷** **E_{MI}⁷(b⁵)** **A⁷**
Oh, I feel that I could melt; in-to Hea-ven I'm hurled.
Dear, when in your arms I creep, that di-vine ren-dez-vous,

21 **D_{MI}** **G_{MI}⁶** **D_{MI}** **E_{MI}⁷(b⁵)** **A⁷** **D_{MI}** **G_{MI}⁶** **D_{MI}⁷** **D_b⁷**
I know how Co-lum-bus felt, Find-ing an-oth-er world.
Don't wake me, if I'm a-sleep, let me dream that it's true.

A3

25 **C_{MI}⁹** **B^o⁷** **F⁷sus** **F⁹** **F_{MI}⁷** **B_b⁷** **E_b⁷** **A_b⁹**
Kiss me once, then once more. What a dunce I was be-fore.
Kiss me twice, then once more, that makes thrice, let's make it four!

29 **B_b/D** **D_b⁹⁷** **C_{MI}⁷** **F⁷** **B_b⁷** **E_b⁷** **G_b⁷** **F⁷** **B_b⁶** **(B_b⁷)**
What a break! For Heaven's sake! How long has this been go-ing on?