

How Long Has This Been Going On?

Standard Key for Viola

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

A1

1 **A_MI**⁹ **G#^{o7}** **D^{7sus}** **D⁹** **D_MI⁷** **G⁷** **C⁷** **F⁹**
I could cry salty tears; Where have I been all these years?

5 **G/B** **B^{b7}** **A_MI⁷** **D⁷** **G⁷** **C⁷** **E^{b7}** **D⁷** **G_MA⁷**
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 **A_MI⁹** **G#^{o7}** **D^{7sus}** **D⁹** **D_MI⁷** **G⁷** **C⁷** **F⁹**
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 **G/B** **B^{b7}** **A_MI⁷** **D⁷** **G⁷** **C⁷** **E^{b7}** **D⁷** **G⁶** **G⁷**
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?

B

17 **C_MA⁷** **F⁷** **C_MA⁷** **F⁷** **C_MA⁷** **F⁷** **C_MA⁷** **C^{#M}I^{7(b5)}** **F^{#7}**
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 **B_MI** **E_MI⁶** **B_MI** **C^{#M}I^{7(b5)}** **F^{#7}** **B_MI** **E_MI⁶** **B_MI⁷** **B^{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 **A_MI⁹** **G#^{o7}** **D^{7sus}** **D⁹** **D_MI⁷** **G⁷** **C⁷** **F⁹**
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 **G/B** **B^{b7}** **A_MI⁷** **D⁷** **G⁷** **C⁷** **E^{b7}** **D⁷** **G⁶** **(G⁷)**
What a break! For Heaven's sake! How long has this been go-ing on?