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How Long Has This Been Going On?

Duet

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Bill - Mary

Music by
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Moderato

Piano

mf

un poco rit.

G Em7 Am7 D7 G Em7 G

Bill: As a tot, when I trot - ted in lit - tle vel - vet pant - ies, —
Mary: Neath the stars at ba - zaars of - ten I've had to ca - ress men, —

p a tempo.

E9 C#7 F#7+5 F#-9 Bm Em6 Bm E7

I was kissed by my sis - ters, my cous - ins and my aun - ties. —
Five or ten dol - lars then I'd col - lect from all those yes - men. —

Am Am7 B7 E7 Am Dm6 Am

Sad to tell, it was Hell, an in - fer - no worse than Dan - te's. —
Don't be sad, I must add that they meant no more than chess - men. —

N. W. 59-4

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A⁷ Em⁷ A⁷ Am D⁷ F# D⁷

mf

So, my dear, I swore,— “Nev - er, nev - er - more!”
Dar-ling, can't you see — 'Twas for char-it - y.—

G Em⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ G Em⁷ G

p

On my list I in - sis - ted that kiss - ing must be crossed out.—
Though these lips have made slips, it was nev - er real - ly se - rious,—

E⁷ C#⁷ F#⁷ Bm Bm⁷ B^o

mf

Now I find I was blind, and oh la - dy, how I've lost out!—
Who'd a'thought I'd be brought to a state that's so de - li - rious?—

Refrain *p-mf* D⁷ D^o B^b D⁷ D⁷+5 G⁷ C⁷ Cm⁷

I could cry — salt - y tears;— Where have I been all these years?—
I could cry — salt - y tears;— Where have I been all these years?—

G G° Am⁷ D⁷ G⁷ C D⁷

Lit - tle wow, — tell me now — How long has this been go - ing on? —
 List - en, you — tell me do — How long has this been go - ing on? —

G p D⁷ D° B^b D⁷ D⁷+5 G⁷

There were chills — up my spine, — And some thrills I
 What a kick! — How I buzz! — Boy, you click as

C⁷ Cm⁷ G G° Am⁷ D⁷ G⁷

can't de - fine. — List - en sweet, — I re - peat: — How
 no one does! — Hear me sweet, — I re - peat: — How

C D⁷ G Cm G° G⁷ C F⁷ C F⁷

long has this been go - ing on? — Oh, I feel that I could melt; —
 long has this been go - ing on? — Dear, when in your arms I creep, —

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In - to Hea - ven I'm hurled! — I know how Co - lum - bus felt, —
 That di - vine ren - dez - vous, — Don't wake me, if I'm a sleep, —

Bm Em⁶ Bm B^{b+} mf D⁷ D^o B^b

Find - ing an - oth - er world! Kiss me once, — Then once more —
 Let me dream that it's true. Kiss me twice, — Then once more —

D⁷ G⁷ C⁷ Cm⁷ G G^o Am⁷ D⁷ G⁷

What a dunce . I was be - fore — What a break! — For Hea - ven's sake! — How
 That makes thrice, let's make it four! — What a break! — For Hea - ven's sake! — How

C D⁷ 1. G G^o 2. G C⁶ G

long has this been go - ing on? —
 long has this been go - ing on? —