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The Longest Time

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for **SATB Choir**

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Easy four ♩ = 92

S/A

mf

woh - oh - oh oh, for the long-est time, _____ woh - oh -

T

mf

woh - oh - oh - oh, for the long-est time, woh - oh -

B

mf

bm bm bm, woh - oh oh For the long-est, for the long-est time, woh - oh

oh, for the long-est

oo - oo - oo -

oh, for the long-est, 1. If you said good - bye to me to - night,
2. Once I thought my in - no cence was gone,

for the long-est time, oo - oo - oo - oo - oo - oo, do -

oo - oo - oo - oo - oo - oo, ah - ah - ah - ah, ah - ah -

there would still be mu - sic left to write. What else could I do,
now I know that hap - pi - ness goes on That's where you found me,

oo - oo - oo - oo - oo - oo, ah - ah - ah - ah - ah,

ah - ah, ah - ah - ah-ah, for the long - est time. oh - oh - oh -

I'm so in - spired - by you, that has - n't hap-pened in the long - est time. oh - oh - oh -
 when you put your arms a - round me, I have-n't been there for the long - est time.

ah - ah - ah, ah - ah-ah, for the long - est time, oh - oh - oh,

oh, for the long-est time, oh - oh - oh, for the long-est

oh, for the long-est time, oh - oh - oh, for the long-est

for the long-est, for the long-est time, oh - oh, for the long-est time,

oo - oo - oo - oo - oo - oo - oo -

1. I'm that voice you're hear-ing in the hall, and the great - est
 2. Who knows how much fur-ther we'll go on, may - be I'll be

dm - ba dm - ba dm - ba dm - ba do doot, bm - bm - bm dm - ba dm - ba dm - ba dm - ba

oo - oo, ah - ah - ah - ah, ah - ah - ah - ah, ah -

mir - a - cle of all, is how I need you, and how you need-ed me, too,
 sor - ry when you're gone, I'll take my chanc - es, I for - got how nice ro-mance is,

dm dm do ah - ah - ah - ah - ah, ah - ah - ah,

ah - ah - ah, for the long - est time. bom (bom) - wa - oo - wa,

That has - n't hap-pened for the long - est time. bom _____ wa - oo - wa,
 I have - n't been there for the long - est time.

ah - ah - ah, for the long - est time. May - be this won't
 I had sec - ond

bom (bom) - wa - oo - wa, bom (bom) - wa - oo - wa, bom (bom) - wa - oo - wa,

bom _____ wa - oo - wa, bom _____ wa - oo - wa, bom _____ wa - oo - wa,

last ver - y long, but you feel so right, And I could be wrong.
 thoughts at the start, I said to my-self, "Hold on to your heart."

bom (bom) - wa - oo - wa, bom (bom) - wa - oo - wa, bom (bom) - wa - oo - wa,

bom _____ wa - oo - wa, bom _____ wa - oo - wa, bom _____ wa - oo - wa,

May - be I've been hop - ing too hard, but I've _ come this far, and it's
 Now I know the wom-an that you are, you're won-der - ful so far, and it's

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more than I hoped for, oo - oo - oo - oo - oo - oo - oo -

more than I hoped for, *mf* I don't care what con-se-quence it brings, I have been a

more than I, *mp* could hope for oo - oo - oo - oo - oo - oo, do - oo - oo - oo - oo -
 more than I, could hope for

oo - oo, ah - ah - ah - ah, ah - ah - ah - ah, ah -

fool for less - er things, I want you so bad, I think you ought to know that

oo - oo - oo, ah - ah - ah - ah - ah, ah - ah - ah,

mf
ah - ah - ah, for the long - est time. time. oh - oh - oh, for the long-est.

f
I in-tend to hold you for the long - est time. time. oh - oh - oh, for the long-est

mf
ah - ah - ah, for the long - est time. time. oh - oh, for the long-est, for the long-est

mf *rit.*
time. oh - oh - oh, for the long - est time, oh - oh -

f *rit.*
time. oh - oh - oh, for the long - est time, oh - oh -

mf *rit.*
time. oh - oh, for the long - est, for the long - est time, oh - oh,

sfz *ff*
oh. for the long - est time. _____

ff
oh, for the long - est time, oo - oo oo - oo oo.

sfz *ff*
for the long - est, for the long - est time. _____