

How Long

James Skousen

Piano & Vocal

Intro

Verse

Allegro ♩ = 100

The first system of the musical score for 'How Long' by James Skousen. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked 'Allegro' with a quarter note equal to 100 beats per minute. The system is divided into an 'Intro' and a 'Verse'. The vocal line begins with a rest in the intro, followed by the lyrics 'Where am I' in the verse. The piano accompaniment starts with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Dynamics include *mf* (mezzo-forte) for the vocal and *mp* (mezzo-piano) for the piano. A 'pedal ad lib.' instruction is present at the bottom of the piano part.

mf

Where am I

mp

mp

pedal ad lib.

3

The second system of the musical score, starting at measure 3. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'go - ing to when words can ne - ver please.' The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands.

go - ing to when words can ne - ver please.

6

The third system of the musical score, starting at measure 6. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'When can I rest my eyes in friend - ly com - pa ny.' The piano accompaniment continues with its harmonic accompaniment.

When can I rest my eyes in friend - ly com - pa ny.

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10 **Chorus**

How long can this go on, how long must I wait for love

14

to touch the heart in me.

17 **Verse**

When can I go to sleep with

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cou - rage and in faith. Fall in-to the rest - ful deep and

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Chorus

24

ne - ver want to wake.____ How long can this go on,____

28

how long must I wait for love to

31

touch the heart in me._____

Bridge

34

Time was ne - ver on my side put the light out then

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37

___ put out___ the___ light._____

Musical score for measures 37-40. The vocal line starts in A major (three sharps) and changes to B-flat major (two flats) at measure 38. The piano accompaniment follows the same key change. The lyrics are: "___ put out___ the___ light._____".

41

Chorus

How long_ can this

Musical score for measures 41-44, the start of the chorus. The key signature changes to B-flat major (two flats). The lyrics are: "How long_ can this".

45

___ go___ on,___ How long_ must I___ wait for___ love_____ to

Musical score for measures 45-48. The lyrics are: "___ go___ on,___ How long_ must I___ wait for___ love_____ to".

49

touch_ the heart_ in___ me._____

Musical score for measures 49-52. The lyrics are: "touch_ the heart_ in___ me._____". The piece concludes with a final chord in B-flat major.