

Harry James

"It's Been A Long Long Time"

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Bing Crosby with Les Paul/Harry James

words by Sammy Cahn, music by Jule Styne

Peaked at # 1 in 1945

Competing versions charted that year by Harry James

(#1); Charlie Spivak (#4);

and Stan Kenton (#6)

- World War II ended the month before this Crosby

recording hit No. 1 on the

Billboard charts in 1945. Accompanied by Les Paul on

the guitar, Bing

effectively captures the swelling anticipation of

Americans regarding the

imminent return of their boys from overseas. The song

remained on the

charts for 16 weeks.

Kiss me once, then kiss me twice

Then kiss me once again

It's been a long, long time

Haven't felt like this, my dear

Since I can't remember when

It's been a long, long time

You'll never know how many dreams

I've dreamed about you

Or just how empty they all seemed without you

So kiss me once, then kiss me twice

Then kiss me once again

It's been a long, long time

Ah, kiss me once, then kiss me twice

Then kiss me once again

It's been a long time

Haven't felt like this my dear

Since I can't remember when

It's been a long, long time

You'll never know how many dreams

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So kiss me once then kiss me twice
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It's been a long, long time
Long, long time

Extra credits added by Robin Hood

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