

## Stan Kenton

### "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  
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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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