

# It's Been a Long, Long Time <sup>163</sup>

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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 captured the swelling anticipation of Americans regarding the imminent return of their boys from overseas. The song remained on the charts for 16 weeks.



**F** **Am**  
Kiss me once, then kiss me twice

**Dm** **F**  
Then kiss me once again

**Dm** **Cdim** **C7**  
It's been a long.. long.. time

**Gm** **Gm7**  
Haven't felt like this, my dear

**Gm6** **C7**  
Since I can't remember when

**Gm** **C7+5** **F**  
It's been a long.. long.. time

**F** **Cm**  
You'll never know how many dreams

**Cm7** **D7**  
I've dreamed about you

**Gm7** **Gm7-5** **C7** **C6**  
Or just how empty they all seemed without you

**F** **Am**  
So kiss me once, then kiss me twice

**D7**  
Then kiss me once again

**Gm7** **C7** **F** **(C6 → C7)**  
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