HOW LONG HAS THIS BEEN GOING ON?

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Moderato

He As a tot, when I trot-ted in lit-tle vel-vet pant-ies.
She 'Neath the stars at ba-zaa rs of-ten I've had to ca-ress men.

pa tempo

I was kissed by my sis-ters, my cou-sins and my aunt-ies.
Five or ten dol-lars then I'd col-lect from all those yes-men.

Sad to tell, it was Hell, an in-fer-no worse than Dan-te's.
Don't be sad, I must add that they meant no more than chess-men.
So, my dear, I swore, "Never, never more!"
Darling, can't you see, 'twas for charity.

On my list I insisted that kissing must be crossed out.
Though these lips have made slips, it was never really serious.

Now I find I was blind, and oh lady, how I've lost out!
Who'd a'thought I'd be brought to a state that's so delicious?

Refrain:
i could cry, salty tears;
Where have I been all these years?
Little vow, tell me now how long has this been going on?
Listen you tell me do how long has this been going on?

There were chills up my spine and some thrills I
What a kick! How I buzz! Boy, you click as

Can't define, listen sweet, I repeat:
No one does! Hear me sweet, I repeat: How

Long has this been going on? Oh, I feel that I could melt,
Long has this been going on? Dear, when in your arms I creep,
into Heaven I'm hurled!
that divine rendezvous,
I know how Columbus felt,
don't wake me, if I'm asleep,

finding another world!
let me dream that it's true.
Kiss me once, then once more
Kiss me twice, then once more

what a dunce I was before.
that makes thrice, let's make it four!
What a break! For Heaven's sake!
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