

It's Only a Paper Moon

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Sailing over a cardboard sea
But it wouldn't be make-believe
If you believed in me

Men: Yes, it's only a canvas sky
Hanging over a muslin tree
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If you believed in me

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It's a honky tonk parade
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All: It's phony, it's plain to see
How happy I would be
If you believed in me