

SO LONG IT'S BEEN GOOD TO KNOW YUH

Words & Music by Woodie Guthrie (1950)

(1) I've sung this song, but I'll sing it a-gain
Of the peo-ple I've met and the plac-es I've seen
Of some of the trou-bles that both-ered my mind,
And a lot of good peo-ple that I've left be-hind, say-ing:

Chorus: SO LONG, it's been good to know yuh;
SO LONG, it's been good to know yuh;
SO LONG, it's been good to know yuh,
What a long time since I've been home.
And I got-ta be drift-in' a-long

(2) The sweet-hearts they sat in the dark and they sparked.
They hugged and they kissed in the dust-y old dark.
They sighed and they cried and they hugged and the kissed,
But in-stead of mar-riage they talked like this: Hon-ey,

(3) I went to your fam-'ly and asked them for you.
They all said take her, oh, take her please, do!
She can't cook or sew and she won't scrub your floor,
So I put on my hat and tip-toed out the door, say-ing:

(4) I've ~~walked down the street to the gro-cery store.~~
~~It was crow-ded with peo-ple both rich and poor~~
~~I asked the man how his but-ter was sold; He said,~~
~~"One pound of but-ter for two pounds of gold" I said:~~

(5/6) My tel-e-phone rang and it jum-ped off the wall.
That was my prea-cher a-makin' a call.
He said, "We're waitin' to tie the knot;
You're getting' mar-ried, believe it or not!"
The church it was jammed, the church it was packed;
The pews were so crowd-ed from front to the back.
A thou-sand friends wait-ed to kiss my new bride,
But I was so anxious I rushed her out-side. Told them:



So Long

It's Been Good To Know Yuh

Tune: Uke
G C E AWords and Music by
WOODY GUTHRIE

Piano

Moderately

Musical notation for the piano, featuring a treble clef and a bass clef. The piano part consists of two staves. The top staff is in 3/4 time, and the bottom staff is in 2/4 time. The piano part is marked with 'mf' (mezzo-forte).

Verse

C

F

G7

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(Tacet)

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Chorus - With a lilt

Dm7

G7

C

SO LONG, it's been good to know yuh; SO LONG, it's been good to know yuh;

SO LONG, it's been good to know yuh. What a long time since I've been home.

2x at end

Tacet

G7

12.C

To Verse 3. C

Tacet

And I got - ta be drift - in' a - long.

2 The
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EXTRA VERSES:

4) ~~I walked down the street to the grocery store.~~
 It was crowded with people both rich and both poor.
 I asked the man how his butter was sold;
 He said, "One pound of butter for two pounds of gold."
 I said:

5) (Sing Verses Consecutively)

Mem

My telephone rang and it jumped off the wall.
 That was the preacher a-making a call.
 He said, "We're waitin' to tie the knot;
 You're gettin' married, believe it or not!"

ns C

The church it was jammed, the church it was packed;
 The pews were so crowded from front to the back.
 A thousand friends waited to kiss my new bride,
 But I was so anxious I rushed her outside.
 Told them: