

IT ONLY TAKES A MOMENT

from *Hello, Dolly!*

Music and Lyric by
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Slowly
F7 Bbmaj9 Gm7 Cm7 F7 Bbmaj7 Gm7

I held her for an instant,

mp *rall.* *a tempo*

Cm7 F7 Bbsus4 Bb Bb6 Gm9 G7b9

But my arms felt sure and strong.

Cm7 Ebm Bb Gm

It only takes a moment

Ebm Bb/F Gm Cm7 *rall.* F7 Bb Eb/F Bb

To be loved a whole life long.

rall. *pp*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of four systems of vocal and piano accompaniment. The first system begins with a 'Slowly' tempo marking and includes dynamics like 'mp' and 'rall.'. The piano accompaniment features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, with various chords and textures. The second system continues the melody and includes a '3' (triple) marking in the piano part. The third system features a 'rall.' marking and a '3' marking. The fourth system concludes with a 'pp' (pianissimo) dynamic marking. The lyrics are: 'I held her for an instant, But my arms felt sure and strong. It only takes a moment To be loved a whole life long.'

For the complete song see: HL00383730 *Hello, Dolly!* vocal selections, and other sources.