Verse 1:
D                      A7               D
Birdies fly with new ambition spring is in their song       E7       A7
soon you'll find yourself a wishin’ days were not so long       E7       A7       A7+
If my thought is not defined listen while I speak my mind

Chorus 1:
D                      F#m          Bm7       A7+
There ought to be a moonlight saving time
Bm7       A7+       Bm7       A7+       Em       A7       Em       A7       Bm7       E7       A7
so I could love that girl of mine until the birdies wake and chime: “Good morning!”
A7+       D                      F#m       Bm7       A7+       Bm7       A7+       Bm7       A7+
There ought to be a law in clover time to keep that moon out overtime
Em       A7       Em       A7       D
to keep each lover’s lane in rhyme till dawning.
D7                      G
You'd better hurry up, hurry up, hurry up get busy today
Bm7       E7       Bm7       E7       A7       E7A7
you'd better croon a tune, croon a tune to the man up in the moon and here’s what I say
A7+       D                      F#m       Bm7       A7+       Bm7       A7+       Bm7       A7+
There ought to be a Moonlight saving time so I could love that girl of mine
Em       A7       Em       F#m       E7       A7       D
until the birdies wake and chime Good morning!

(Bridge from Annette Hanshaw’s version)
Bm                      F#7               Bm
In January the nights are very long but that's all right       E7       A7
In happy June, comes the honeymoon time days are longer than the night
D                      E7
In love time's season, the moon's the reason for every cuddle and kiss
Bm                      F#7               Bm       E7       A7
When the days are longer the nights are shorter something should be done about this
(To verse 2)
Verse 2: (Not sung in Annette Hanshaw’s version)

D   A7   D
When the weather man is sleeping, With the gay sunbeams
E7   A7
To his housetop I’ll go creeping In the land of dreams.
E7   A7
When the tardy moon comes out, I’ll stand there and bravely shout:

Chorus 2:

A7+  D   F#m   Bm7   A7+
There ought to be a moonlight saving time
Bm7   A7+   Bm7   F#m   Em   A7   Em   A7   Bm7   E7   A7
to make the morning glories climb an hour later on the vine each morning
A7+  D   F#m   Bm7   A7+   Bm7   A7+   Bm7   A7+
You sort of need a moon to bill and coo, an old back porch, a birch canoe
Em   A7   Em   A7+   D
a parlor lamp in June won’t do I’m warning
D7   G
I’ve heard the farmer say I’ll make hay while the sun is shining above
Bm7   E7   Bm7   E7   A7   E7A7
but when the day is done night begun you can ask the farmer’s son It’s time to make love
A7+  D   F#m   Bm7   A7+   Bm7   A7+   Bm7   A7+
There ought to be a moonlight saving time so I could love that girl of mine
Em   A7   Em   F#m   E7   A7   D
until the birdies wake and chime Good morning!

That's all!