

# (THERE OUGHT TO BE A) MOONLIGHT SAVING TIME

Irving Kahal and Harry Richman 1931 practice sheet ukesterbrown.com (1st note sung is an "A")

## 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)

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## 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!