

It's Only A Paper Moon. 1933. Harold Arlen, E. Y. Harburg and Billy Rose.

Cliff Edwards version <https://youtu.be/cQHOe9JP2tw>

4/4 time. Slow. Sudden start! 2 beats per chord throughout

Verse 1:

[G] _ Say, it's [Bdim²] only a [Am7] paper moon [D7]
[Am7] _ Sailing [D7] over a [G] cardboard [G] sea
[Dm7] _ But it [G7] wouldn't be [C] make believe [A7]
If [D7] you bel-[D7]-ieved in [G] me [D+5]

Verse 2:

[G] _ Yes, it's [Bdim²] only a [Am7] canvas sky [D7]
[Am7] _ Hanging [D7] over a [G] muslin tre-[G]-ee
[Dm7] _ But it [G7] wouldn't be [C] make believe [A7]
If [D7] you bel-[D7]-ieved in [G] me [G7]

Bridge:

With-[C]-out [Gdim¹] your [G6] love
[G6] _ It's a [Am7] honky [D7] tonk par-[G]-ade [Gmaj7] [G7] [G6]
With-[C]-out [Gdim¹] your [Bm7] love
[E7] _ It's a [Bm7] melody played [E7] _ in a [Am7] penny ar-[D+5]-cade

Verse 3:

[G] _ It's a [Bdim²] Barnum and [Am7] Bailey world [D7]
[Am7] _ Just as [D7] phony as [G] it can be [G]
[Dm7] _ But it [G7] wouldn't be [C] make believe [A7]
If [D7] you bel-[D7]-ieved in [G] me [F#] [D+5]

Repeat verses 1 and 2 and bridge

Variation on Verse 3 to finish:

[G] _ It's a [Bdim²] Barnum and [Am7] Bailey world [D7]
[Am7] _ Just as [D7] phony as [G] it can [G] be
[Dm7] _ But it [G7] wouldn't be [C] make believe [A7]
[D7] If [D7] you [D7] believed in [D7] me [G]

