

IT'S ONLY A PAPER MOON

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Moderato

Piano introduction in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is in the right hand, starting with a half note G, followed by a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a half note C. The left hand provides a steady accompaniment. The tempo is marked 'Moderato' and the dynamics are 'f' (forte). The introduction ends with a 'poco rall.' (slightly slower) marking.

2x change

p-f a tempo

Say, it's on-ly a pa-per moon,— Sail-ing o-ver a card-board sea,—

2x change

p-f a tempo

But it would-n't be make be-lieve, If you— be-lieved in me.— Yes it's on-ly a

can-vas sky,— Hang-ing o-ver a mus-lin tree,— But it would-n't be make be-lieve, If you

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D7 Am7 D7 G C6 Gm7 Gmaj7 Am7 D9 4fr.
 - be - lieved in me. — With - out your love, it's a hon - ky-tonk pa -
shades
cantabile

G C6 Gm7 Gmaj7 G Dm E7 A9 D7+5
 rade, With - out your love, it's a mel - o - dy played in a pen - ny ar - cade.
mm *mm*

G G#o7 Am7 D7 Am7 D9 G
 It's a Bar-num and Bai - ley world, Just as pho - ny as it can be, —
all *p-f*

1. 2.
 Dm6 Am7 D7 Am7 D7 G Am7 D7 G
 But it would - n't be make be - lieve If you — be - lieved in me. —
2x