

# JUST ONCE

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(FROM THE RECORD: "THE DUDE"  
BY QUINCY JONES ~ 1981)

("BALLAD")

**A**

1. I DID MY BEST, BUT I GUESS MY BEST WASNT GOOD ENOUGH CAUSE  
2. I GAVE MY ALL BUT I THINK MY ALL MAY HAVE BEEN TO MUCH, CAUSE

C F#m7 Em7 Am7

(1) HERE WE ARE BACK WHERE WE WERE BEFORE SEEMS IT  
(2) LORD KNOWS, WE'RE NOT GETTING ANYWHERE IT

Dm7 G/F Em7 Am7 Am7

(1) NOTHING E-VER CHANGES, WE'RE BACK TO BE-ING STRANGERS (2x)  
(2) SEEMS WE'RE ALWAYS BLOWIN. WHAT-E VER WE'VE GOT GOIN' (AND IT)

Dm7 G|| G/F E7sus E7/G# Am7

(1) WONDERING IF WE OUGHT TO STAY OR HEAD ON OUT THE DOOR  
(2) SEEMS AT TIMES WITH ALL WE'VE GOT WE HAVEN'T GOT A PRAYER

Dm7 C/E F#m7 G|| G F/G G

(JUST ONCE - 2)

**B** (CHORUS)

(1) JUST ONCE      CAN'T WE FIGURE OUT WHAT WE KEEP 'DOIN'  
 (2) JUST ONCE      CAN'T WE FIGURE OUT WHAT WE KEEP 'DOIN'

C      G/C      C||      C/E

(1) WRONG      WHY WE NE-VER LAST FOR VE-RY LONG  
 (2) WRONG      WHY THE GOOD TIMES NE-VER LAST FOR LONG

FΔ      FΔ      Em      Dm7      G/E

(1) ?      WHAT ARE WE DOING WRONG?  
 (2) ?      WHERE ARE WE GOING WRONG?

Em7      Am7      Dm7      G||

(1) JUST ONCE      CAN'T WE FIND A WAY TO FINALLY MAKE IT  
 (2) JUST ONCE      CAN'T WE FIND A WAY TO FINALLY MAKE IT

C      G/C      C||      C/E

(1) RIGHT      TO MAKE THE MAGIC LAST FOR MORE THAN  
 (2) RIGHT      TO MAKE THE MAGIC LAST FOR MORE THAN

FΔ      FΔ      Em7      Dm7      G/E

(1) JUST ONE NIGHT      IF WE COULD JUST GET TO IT      I  
 (2) JUST ONE NIGHT      I KNOW WE COULD BREAK THROUGH IT      IF

Em7      Am7      Dm7      Dm7

1.      2.

(1) NOW WE COULD BREAK THROUGH IT      (2) WE COULD JUST GET TO I JUST

G||      G||

**C**

ONCE I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHY IT ALWAYS COMES BACK TO GOOD -

A<sup>b</sup> Fm7 Bm7 E||

BYE WHY CAN'T WE GET OURSELVES IN HAND AND ADMIT TO

A<sup>b</sup> H<sup>a</sup> G<sup>b</sup>m7 C<sup>b</sup>m7

ONE ANOTHER WE'RE NO GOOD WITHOUT EACH OTHER TAKE THE BEST AND MAKE IT BETTER

H/D# EA H/D# C<sup>b</sup>m7 H/D#

**D**

FIND A WAY TO STAY TOGETHER JUST ONCE CAN'T WE FIND A WAY TO FI-

Em7 A|| D A/D D||

ALLY MAKE IT RIGHT TO MAKE THE MA-GIC LAST

D/# G<sup>a</sup> G<sup>a</sup> F#m7 Em7

FOR MORE THAN JUST ONE NIGHT (I) KNOW WE COULD BREAK THROUGH IT IF

A/G F#m7 Hm7 Em7

WE COULD JUST GET TO IT JUST ONCE

A|| D A/D G/D A/D

OH WE CAN GET TO IT JUST

D A/D Gm7 A||

**E**

ONCE!

Hm7