

HAPPY TOGETHER

Words and Music by GARY BONNER
and ALAN GORDON

Arrangement by LIZ GARNETT

Intro $\text{♪} = \text{♪}^3 \text{♪}$

Tenor Lead

1 doot doot 2 doot doot 3 doot doot

So hap-py to - geth-er. So hap-py

Bari Bass

doot doot ba da ba doot doot

ba doot doot ba da ba

A

4 doot doot 5 doot doot doot doot 6 doot doot doot doot

to - geth-er. doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot

doot doot I - mag-ine me and you, I do. I think a - bout you

7 doot doot doot doot 8 doot doot doot doot 9 doot doot doot doot

doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot

day and night. It's on - ly right — to think a - bout the one you love and hold her

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10 doot doot doot doot 11 ba ba da ba 12 ba ba 13 doot doot doot doot

tight, so hap-py to - geth-er. If I should call you up, in-vest a

14 doot doot doot doot 15 doot doot doot doot 16 doot doot doot doot

dime, and you say you be - long to me and ease my mind, i - mag-ine how the

17 doot doot doot doot 18 fine, so hap-py to - geth-er, 19 to - geth-er. 20 (no breath) 21 I can't see me

world could be, so ve-ry fine, so hap-py to - geth - er.

22 lov-in' no-bod - y but 23 you for all my life. 24 ba Ba da 25 When you're with me,

for

26 27 28 29 **C** **m**

ba-by, the skies— will be blue for all my life. doot doot doot doot
doot me an' you doot

for Me an' you, and you an'

30 31 32

doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot
you an' me doot doot doot toss the dice doot doot doot on - ly one for

me, no mat - ter how they toss the dice, it had to be. The on - ly one for

33 34 35 36 **(no breath)**

doot doot doot doot me, so hap - py to - so hap - py to - geth - er.
me, me is you, and you for me, me, x x x

me is you, and you for me, so hap - py to - geth - er.

D **f**

37 38 39 40

I'll be ba Ba da Ba ba da
I can't see me lov-in' no-bod - y but you for all my life. ba Ba da Ba ba da
I'll be 3

for 3

With me, ^x

41 42 43 44

When you're with me, ba-by, the skies— will be blue for all my life.—

With me,

for

E *mf*

45 46 47

You and me, you know it had to

doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot

You and me, you know it had to

Me an' you, and you an' me, no mat-ter how they toss the dice, it had to

48 49 50 51

be. The one for you is me,

doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot me, so hap-py to - ge-, to-gether.

be. The one for you is me,

be.— The on-ly one for me is you, and you for me, so hap-py to - geth-er.—

F *mf*

52 53 54 55

Ba Ba ba da Ba ba da Ba Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

Ba da ba ba ba— da ba ba ba— da ba ba ba—

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

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56 57 58 59

ba da ba ba doo doo ba ba ba da ba ba ba da ba ba ba

ba da ba ba doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

f 60 61 **G** **mf** 62 63

da ba ba doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot

Me an' you, and you an' me, no mat-ter how they

doo da ba ba

64 65 66

doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot doot

toss the dice, it had to be. The on - ly one for me is you, and you for

H 67 68 69 70

doot doot doot doot be so hap-py to - geth - er, be so hap-py to -

me, so hap-py to - geth - er, so hap-py to - geth - er,

be



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hap - py to - geth - er, to - geth - er, hap - py to -

71 72 73

8

geth - er, to - geth - er, ba da ba ba ba hap - py to -

da ba ba ba da ba ba da ba da ba ba da

geth - er, to - geth - er,

74 75 76

8

da ba ba ba da ba ba da ba ba da ba ba da

geth - er, da ba da ba ba da ba ba ba

ba da ba ba ba ba ba da ba ba da ba ba da

ba ba da ba ba da ba ba da ba ba da ba ba da

77 78 79

8

ba da ba ba ba da ba ba ba da ba ba ba

ba da ba ba da ba ba da ba

ba ba da ba ba da ba ba da ba ba da da ba ba da

ba ba da ba ba da ba

80 81 82

8

da ba ba ba da ba ba ba da ba ba ba

ba ba da ba ba da ba ba da ba ba da da ba ba ba

83 84 85

da ba ba ba da ba ba ba!

da

Performance Notes

Happy Together was a #1 hit for the **Turtles** in 1967, and has since been covered by numerous artists, including Frank Zappa (1971), the **Nylons** (1987) and Jason Donovan (1991). At the time of writing *Happy Together*, songwriters Gary Bonner and Alan Gordon were members of the Boston-area band the **Magicians**. Other hits by Gordon include the **Turtles'** *She'd Rather Be With Me* and Barbara Streisand's *My Heart Belongs To Me*.

This arrangement is based on the original **Turtles'** recording and uses texture to evoke the contrasting instrumentation of the original. The sparse *doot* accompaniment and low tessitura in the verses echoes the plain combination of voice and rhythm section, whereas the full homophony and higher range of the choruses celebrate the richer texture introduced with the change to the major key. The bright *ah* vowel and driving voiced consonants of the middle and final sections refer to the brass instruments that dominate these passages. The ending sees the tenor and bass giving the trumpets' punchy staccato finish, while the lead and baritone close to a lingering hum that evokes the fading guitar chord behind it.

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