

If You Want Me To Love You

Georgia Tom (1934?) via Asylum Street Spankers (1997)

Em, C7-B7, Em, Em
Em, Em, B7, B7
Em, Am
Em, C7-B7
Em, C7-B7, Em, Em

- *I don't think you love me anymore!*

- *You don't think I love you anymore?*

- *That's right*

- *Oh baby, it's not that I don't love you anymore, it's just that, well you know, people grow and change, and situations might change, and, well, the truth is that situations having changed like they have, I find that there are a few requirements that I will make upon you if we are to continue our cohabitational type arrangement. So, therefore, I picked up some paper and wrote this song to explain some basic things that I want to say to you right now in this context...*

Well, if you want me to love you I'm gonna tell you what you're gonna have to do

Well, if you want me to love you, and have you love me, too

Well, I've got to have my lovin' like my *habit set* on

Gonna start in the evening and go all night long

If you want me to love you, that's what you've got to do

Well, if you want me to love you, here's what you've got to do

If you want me to love you, and have me love you true

Well baby, I'll go all night long if that's what you want me to do

But I don't think you'll last more than a minute or two

If you want me to love you, that's what you've got to do

Well, if you want me to love you I'm gonna tell you what you're gonna have to do

Well, if you want me to love you, and have you love me, too

Well I'm so sorry if I don't waste my time by hanging around

It's just that there's something so much sweeter on the other side of town

If you want me to love you, you're gonna have to get out of the way

Well, if you want me to love you, another thing you've got to do

If you want me to love you, and have me love you true

Well baby, if you've got something better, I guess you'd better split

I just hate it when you use my money to pay for it

If you want me to love you, you'd better turn right back right now

Well, if you want me to love you I'm gonna tell you what you're gonna have to do

Well, if you want me to love you, and have you love me, too

Oh, what's this complaining about money, baby, I know you've got it all

Earning just a quarter at a time in the bus station stall

If you want me to love you, that's what you've got to do

Well, if you want me to love you I'm gonna tell you what you're gonna have to do

If you want me to love you, and have me love you true

Well baby, now if you wanna get in to my britches

You're gonna have to show me more than that three inches

If you want me to love you, that's what you've got to do

Well, if you want me to love you I'm gonna tell you what you're gonna have to do

Well, if you want me to love you, and have you love me, too

Well, I'm sorry, baby, if my three inches don't do the trick

But there's lots of gals out there who like it that thick

If you want me to love you, that's what you've got to do

Scat duet

continued...

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If you want me to love you, the last thing you'll have to do
If you want me to love you, and have me love you true
 You've got to take a butcher knife, cut off your head
 Send me a telegram that your body is dead
If you want me to love you, that's what you've got to do

Oh, now, babe, well, that's what you've got to do
That's what you've got to do

Well, if you want me to love you I'm gonna tell you what you've got to do
If you want me to love you, and have me love you true
 Well baby, if it's early in the evening and you're already done
 You're gonna have to get inventive with your tongue
If you want me to love you, that's what you've got to do