I Guess I'll Keep It Longer, Don't Yer Know - song lyrics

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I started in to write a song, but no title had I for it.

And then I thought it was no use and would not make a hit;
I was just about to tear it up and throw the scraps away,
When something seemed to change my mind, a thought struck me to say:

Chorus.

I guess I'll keep it longer, don't yer know, I guess I'll keep it longer, don't yer know, For although I do not need it now, I may find use for it somehow, And I guess I'll keep it longer, don't yer know.

You'll notice as I sing this song a hoarseness in my throat, I've got an awful cold for I have no overcoat; The one I had is up in pawn, I hope to get it soon, The broker now has had it ever since the first of June.

Chorus.

I guess he'll keep it longer, don't yer know, I guess he'll keep it longer, don't yer know, For all the money I can earn, To treat my friends the most will turn, So I guess he'll keep it longer, don't yer know.

I was married to a nice young girl about a year ago, I thought she was the sweetest lass that one could wish to know; But she skipped off with another chap while at my work away, And the rascal's had her ever since two weeks ago to-day.

Chorus.

And I guess he'll keep her longer, don't yer know, I guess he'll keep her longer, don't yer know; The girl is handsome, strong and fat, What more can a fellow want than that, So I guess he'll keep her longer, don't yer know.