

ISN'T IT A PITY

George & Ira Gershwin – 1932

verse 1

Em6 Am7b5
Why did I wander, here and there and yonder
G Am9 D7 G C D7
Wasting precious time, for no reason or rhyme
G F#7 F7 E7
Isn't it a pity? Isn't it a crime?
A9 Am7b5
My journey's ended, ev'rything is splendid
G C#m7b5 F#7 Bm Em Bm7 F#7
Meeting you to – day has given me a wonderful idea
A7sus4 A7 D7 D7aug
Here I stay!

chorus 1

G Bm7 C F#7aug
It's a funny thing I look at you
Bm E7 Am D7
I get a thrill I never knew
G G9 C G Am7 D11 G Edim7 D7
Isn't it a pity we never met be - fore?
G Bm7 C F#7aug
Here we are at last, it's like a dream
Bm E7 Am7 D7
The two of us, a perfect team
G G9 C G Am7 D11 G Am7 D7
Isn't it a pity we never met be - fore?
G Am9 Em6 Bm C#11 B7
I - magine all the lonely years we've wasted
Bm E7
You, with the neighbors, I, at silly labors
D6 D Em7 A7
What joys un - tast - ed!
D7 A9aug11 D7
You, reading Heine, I somewhere in China
G Bm7 C F#7aug
Happiest of men I'm sure to be
Bm F#7 Am D7
If only you will say to me
G G9aug Cmaj7 Bm7 Am7 D9 G Am7 D7 D7aug
"It's an awful pity we never, never met be - fore"

verse 2

Em6 **Am7b5**
 While you were flitting I was busy knitting
G **Am9 D7 G** **C D7**
 Hoping I'd sur-vive, hoping you'd ar- rive
G **F#7** **F7** **E7**
 All my Dresden boyfriends were only half a - live
A9 **Am7b5**
 Sleepy was Herman, Fritz was like a sermon
G **C#m7b5 F#7**
 Hans was such a bore
Bm **Em Bm7** **F#7**
 How well you planned it, I just couldn't stand it
A7sus4 A7 D7 D7aug
 A - ny more!

chorus 2

G **Bm7 C** **F#7aug**
 It's a funny thing I look at you
Bm **E7 Am** **D7**
 I get a thrill I never knew
G **G9 C** **G** **Am7 D11 G** **Edim7 D7**
 Isn't it a pity we never met be - fore?
G **Bm7 C** **F#7aug**
 Here we are at last, it's like a dream
Bm **E7 Am7** **D7**
 The two of us, a perfect team
G **G9 C** **G** **Am7 D11 G** **Am7 D7**
 Isn't it a pity we never met be - fore?
G Am9 **Em6 Bm** **C#11** **B7**
 Imagine all the lonely years you've wasted
Bm **E7**
 Fishing for salmon, losing at backgammon
D6 **D** **Em7 A7**
 What joys un - tast - ed
D7 **A9aug11** **D7**
 My nights were sour, spent with Schopen - hauer
G **Bm7 C** **F#7aug**
 Let's forget the past, let's both agree
Bm **F#7 Am** **D7**
 That I'm for you and you're for me
G **G9aug** **Cmaj7 Bm7 Am7** **D9 G** **G7aug** **D7 G**
 And it's sch a pity we never, never met be - fore"

Arrangement by Lynne Talley