

WAITING Devotional Tapestry

We Wait (shortened)

Father, we wait.

Basking in the joy and freedom of all You've given us in Jesus Christ,
we eagerly await His return and
the completion of all Your love has planned.

We wait.

Immersed in disappointments and delays,
weakness and uncertainty,
decay and death,
we keep our faith focused on You.
Though we cannot see,
we cling to the strong and certain hope that is ours in Christ Jesus.
Day by day, in the noise and in the silence, our hearts forever cry,
"Father, may YOUR Kingdom come and
YOUR will be done
on earth as it is in heaven!"

We wait.

So many are deluded,
lost in the darkness of the small and temporary.
In You we glimpse bigger realities.
Our physical world seems so lasting and all-encompassing,
but it will burn away like a morning mist.
Father, don't let it seduce us.
You are truth.
You are unchanging.
You are forever.

In this false world, keep us faithful in proclaiming the ultimate things:
the return of Jesus,
the judgment, and
the world to come.

Whether He returns today or in ten thousand years is not the point.
The truth of His return shapes the entire reality in which we live.

Our Father, we look forward to the day when all creation rings with
the music and
the beautiful silence of all You are.

Waiting for Our Lord

TUNE: O Little Town of Bethlehem (ST. LOUIS)
 Matthew 24:36-44; Mark 13:24-37; Luke 21:25-36; Romans 8:22-26

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1. O God of love and faith - ful - ness, We wait that day un - known When
 2. Our hun - gry hearts an - ti - ci - pate The joy that soon will be, When

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all our dark - ness, all our grief Dis - solve in You a - lone. Like
 love has borne de - li - cious fruit For all to taste and see. O

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Mar - y in her la - bor En - gulfed by waves of pain, We
 come to us, Lord Je - sus! We're watch - ing at the door Till

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cry from all - con - sum - ing need That words could nev - er frame.
 just one glimpse of You ful - fills Our hopes and so much more!

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