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As the Farmer Waits
SATB Choir, Keyboard, Guitar,
Solo Instrument in C, Assembly

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for Steve Warner

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Based on James 5:7–8; Psalm 130:6; Isaiah 40:4;
55:10–11; 61:1,10; Ephesians 2:14; Matthew 1:20, 23

Bob Hurd and John T. Kyler
Arr. by Craig Kingsbury

INTRO (♩ = ca. 80)

Am Em F Dm7 F/G

Keyboard

§ REFRAIN

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

As the farm - er waits for the hid - den seed to sprout, as the

Csus2,4 C Am Em F

night-wa_ ch waits for the dawn, _ so we long, O _ God, for the com-ing of your

C C/B Am Gsus4 G Am Em F C C/B

1-5 to Verses

jus - tice, your reign of peace for all. _____

Am Dm7 F/G 1-5 Csus2,4 C Csus4 C to Verses

Final rit. Fine

Final Csus2,4 C Dm7 F/G Csus2,4 C Fine

VERSES

Melody

1. As rain comes down so that earth may bear its fruit, the
 2. A voice cries out: Go pre - pare the way for God, ex -
 3. God's Just One comes with glad tid - ings for the poor, to
 4. De - light in God like a bride a - dorned with jewels and
 5. By the Spir - it's power shall the vir - gin be with child, Em -

Harmony (Alto)

Am Em Fmaj7 Am

1. word that goes forth from my mouth shall
 2. alt ev - ery val - ley and depth; let
 3. lib - er - ate and to heal, to
 4. clothed in a gar - ment of love, the
 5. man - u - el, God with us, the

Dm Dm/C Bb

Soprano *D.S.*
Alto As the

1. not re - turn to me emp - ty. (Is. 55:10-11)
2. ev - ery moun - tain be hum - bled. (Is. 40:4)
3. break down walls of di - vi - sion. (Eph. 2:14)
4. robe of life and sal - va - tion. (Is. 61:1,10)
5. Son of God, Son of Ma - ry. (Mt. 1:20, 23)

Tenor *D.S.*
Bass

Dm Dm/C Gsus4 G Gsus4 G *D.S.*

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(Kbd) As the

REFRAIN

Am Em F C C/B Am Gsus4

farm - er waits for the hid - den seed to sprout, as the night - watch waits for the dawn,

G Am Em F C C/B Am Dm7 F/G

so we long, O God, for the com - ing of your jus - tice, your reign of peace for

1-5 Csus2,4 C Csus4 C to Verses

Final Csus2,4 C Dm7 F/G Csus2,4 C rit. Fine

all. _____ all. _____

VERSES

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Dm Dm/C B♭

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Dm Dm/C Gsus4 G Gsus4 G D.S.

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SOLO INSTRUMENT in C

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Composer Notes

As the farmer waits with patient, hopeful expectation for the growth of the crop, we are to dwell in patient hope for the coming of the Lord. So says the Letter of James, 5:8, which occurs in Third Sunday of Advent, Year A. This song pairs this imagery with the Advent stories of John the Baptist and Mary, making it appropriate across all three years of the season. The thread of justice runs throughout—“glad tidings for the poor, to liberate and to heal, to break down walls of division”—because the coming of Christ is the coming of the reign of God’s justice. To hope for this coming is to lovingly long and labor for what God wants for our world. The song might best be used for gathering since it sounds the themes of the season. But it could also be used for preparation, Communion, post-Communion, or sending forth.

—Bob Hurd and John T. Kyler

Assembly Edition

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Verses

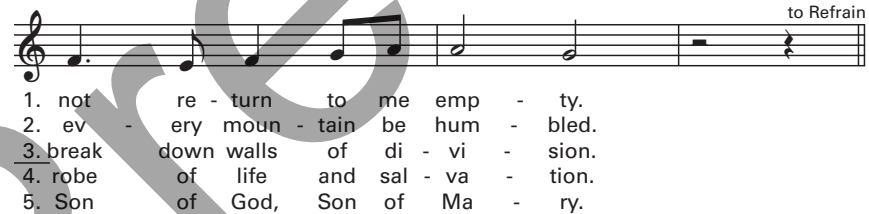


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to Refrain



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