

# What Can't Wait?

Inspired by A Sanctified Art's 2019 Advent Theme,  
"What Can't Wait?"

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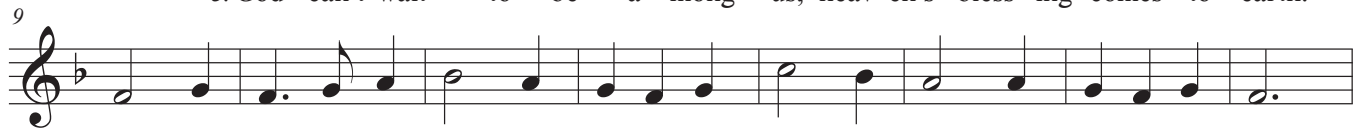
Tune: HYFRYDOL

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Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1830



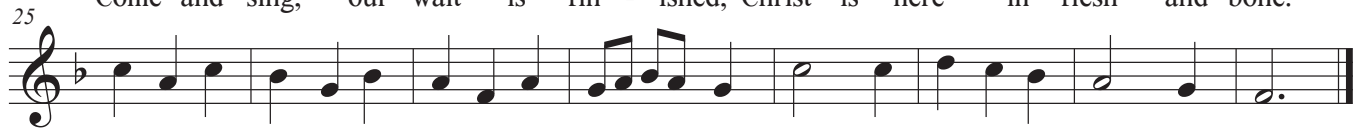
1. Hope can't wait; she beck - ons bright - ly, shin - ing sure - ly in the dark.  
2. Peace can't wait; she beck - ons bright - ly, soft - en - ing the hard - ened heart.  
3. Joy can't wait; she beck - ons bright - ly, gi - ving grace a - mid the gloom.  
4. Love can't wait; she beck - ons bright - ly, sa - ving, seal - ing us to grace.  
5. God can't wait to be a - mong us; heav - en's bless - ing comes to earth.



To the lone - ly, lost, and la - bored, hope en - dows the Spi - rit's spark.  
Bless - ing all with brill - iant beaut - y, fight - ing that which tears a - part.  
God is God of new be - gin - nings; failed, for - got - ten buds will bloom.  
God dis - pers - es ev - 'ry mer - cy to re - deem the hu - man race.  
Feel the spark - le of God's pre - sence; hope ful - filled at Je - sus' birth.



In our times of deep des - pair - ing, God re - news the troub - led soul.  
Vi - o - lence has lost its pow - er; now's the time for God's sha - lom.  
God for - gives and gives us laught - er, mirth that mo - thers us to health.  
Love re - quires i - mag - i - na - tion, truth and cour - age, risk and trust.  
Come and sing, our wait is fin - ished; Christ is here in flesh and bone.



Mer - cy strong be - yond com - par - ing mends and makes the bro - ken whole.  
Ne - ver - more shall war de - vo - ur; all the sold - iers wel - comed home.  
Joy sur - rounds be - fore and aft - er; end - less source of wond - rous wealth.  
Love re - news the whole cre - a - tion; grows the grains up from the dust.  
See the pow'r of hate di - min - ished; love has won and calls us home.

NOTE: While this can be sung as an entire five-verse hymn, each verse is meant to correspond with the traditional theme of the four Sundays of Advent (Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love). The fifth verse is intended to be sung on Christmas Eve. Two suggestions for its use: 1) as part of the candle-lighting liturgy or 2) a sung response to the assurance of pardon.