Waiting

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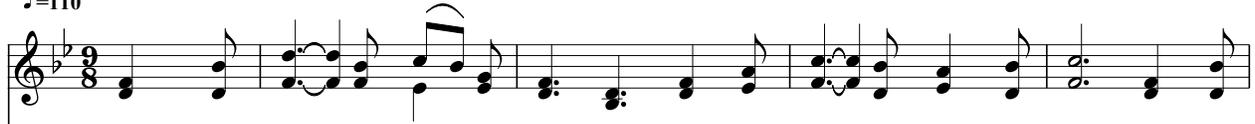
1. I am wait-ing 'mid the sha-dows Of this dark and dis-mal shore; I am
2. All my earth-ly tasks are fin-ished, I'm just wait-ing for my Lord; Soon my
3. Soon the sun-light of the hea-ven, That is built for man on high, Will in
4. On-ly wait-ing for the morn-ing, Wait-ing by the cur-rent dark; Wait-ing
5. Fare-well earth, with all thy sha-dows, Fare-well dark-ness, death and pain, I am

wait-ing for the cur-rent, For the Lord to bear me o'er. For a
jour-ney will be end-ed, And I'll go to my re-ward. Soon the
beams of bright-est glo-ry, Fall in tri-umph from the sky. While I
for the com-ing sig-nal, For my man-sion to em-bark. And I
go-ing home to glo-ry, With the saints on high to reign; There these

cen-tury I have wan-dered, 'Mid the mur-ky shades of earth; Now I
boat-man o'er the cur-rent, Will come glid-ing with his bark, And he'll
mount from death and dark-ness, To be-hold the glow-ing face Of the
know the boat-man's near me, For it seems I hear the oar Of the
eyes shall see the splen-dors Of the ci-ty built on high, There these

long for Hea-ven's glo-ry, World of hap-pi-ness and mirth.
bear me o'er the bil-lows That are roll-ing deep and dark.
Christ I love so dear-ly, And to rest in His em-brace.
boat that soon will bear me To the bright ec-sta-tic shore.
feet shall tread the pave-ments Where none ev-er droop or die.

Refrain

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dawn; Wait-ing to be with the dear ones Who have o'er the cur-rent gone.

for the dawn, Wait-ing to