

# WAITING, WAITING, WAITING...

I wait for you, Lord:  
I've waited for so long  
and I've waited in so many ways...

I wait to find you, to know you,  
to believe in you...

I wait for you to show yourself,  
to show your face and let its light  
shine bright upon my own...

I wait for you to speak to me,  
to speak a word I understand:  
a word my heart can grasp,  
a word my heart can hold,  
a word my heart can keep,  
a word that brings me peace...

I wait to find the truth that sets me free, Lord:  
free from all that holds me fast  
in my confusion, fear and doubt...

I wait for you to hear my prayer  
and answer me,  
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- and answer me...

I wait for your Spirit to move in me,  
to nudge me, to shake me 'til I wake:  
I wait for your Spirit to stir within  
and let me know that you're with me  
and I'm with you...

I wait to hear a word from you  
of where to turn, what path to take,  
which choices I should make...

I wait for you to calm my fears,  
my anxious, lonely heart,  
my worried, troubled soul...

I wait for you to help me find  
even just a little peace of mind, Lord,  
even just a little...

I wait to find your presence in my daily rounds:  
in the ordinary people, times and places  
where I least expect but really need  
to see you...

I wait to know your mercy:  
the forgiveness of my sins,  
the cleansing of my soul,  
refreshment for my spirit...

I wait because I trust you'll never fail  
to help me to begin again, anew:  
my slate wiped clean,  
my sins absolved,  
my broken heart mended, healed and  
pardoned...

I wait for you  
even when I'm not sure why I wait -  
and then I wait some more -  
for in the waiting I begin, at last,  
to see you in the dark  
and hear you in the silence...

In the waiting I begin to know  
your presence and your face  
and to feel your gentle touch  
in the care of those around me,  
those whose hearts and hands are yours, Lord,  
whose voice and word are yours...

In the quiet of my Advent prayer  
I wait for you, Lord,  
and I trust, I know  
you wait for me...

Amen.

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