HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT

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1. Heav’n shall not wait For the poor to lose their patience, The scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend: Jesus is Lord; He has championed the unwanted;

2. Heav’n shall not wait For the rich to share their fortunes, The proud to fall, the degraded, Thoughts of compassion dislikes to tend the least: Jesus is Lord; He has shown the masters’ privilege—

3. Heav’n shall not wait For the dawn of great ideas, The just to bring the least of all the world, to strict conventions bound: Jesus is Lord; He has married word and action—

4. Heav’n shall not wait For our legalized oaths, De-fined by statute, to reach another shore: Jesus is Lord; He has hall-marked true allegiance—

5. Heav’n shall not wait For triumphant hal-le lujahs, When earth has passed and we Lord In our present impeccableness; In him injustice confronts its timely end.

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