

We know not when our God will come

A gathering song for Advent

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**Wheatsheaf
Music**

Singing together, praying together

1. We know not when our God will come,
the week, the hour, the day.
With longing hearts we wait for you,
fill us with hope, we pray.
Bring joy into our darkened world
until you will appear.
So rise from slumber, wake from sleep:
the Lord is very near!
2. A light now shines on those who walk
abandoned and forlorn,
for unto them a child is given,
to them a son is born.
His name shall be most Wonderful,
his power shall never cease.
Eternal Father, Mighty God,
our radiant Prince of Peace.
3. A voice cries in the wilderness:
"Prepare the Lord's own way
and lead my people, Israel,
from darkness into day.
Raise up the valleys, flatten hills,
rough ground becomes a plain.
And then together all shall see
the glory of God's reign."
4. A witness to the Light appears,
baptising all who came
to Jordan's river, to renounce
their sinful ways and shame.
"The one you wait for? He is near,
more powerful than I.
I am not worthy to stoop down,
his sandals to untie."
5. "Let not my will, but yours be done,"
said Mary, meek and mild.
A virgin pure, she will conceive
and bear God's holy child.
We long for him, the Word made Flesh,
the peace and joy he brings.
Be born again in us, we pray -
come quickly, King of Kings!

Notes

Hymn meter: DCM

Suggested tune: Kingsfold, Forest Green (suggested for celebrations towards the end of Advent)

This piece may be viewed as a companion to the Lent gathering song *Led by the Spirit of our God* by Bob Hurd, which can be found in *Laudate*, published in the UK by Decani Music.

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