

Composer Notes

The passage upon which this hymn is based, Lamentations 3:21–26, has been part of my prayer life and retreat experiences for many years. The words of this text are some of the most hopeful words in all of Scripture.

It is in the quiet of silence that I am able to discern God’s movement in my life. It is through waiting in silence that balance and hope are so often restored, especially in the midst of struggle and trying times. As Blessed Mother Teresa said: “I always begin my prayer in silence, for it is in the silence of the heart that God speaks... God is the friend of silence. We need to listen to God because it is not what we say but what God says to us and through us that matters.” (from *A Simple Path*) This is a hymn for morning prayer, a song of hope for Advent, a song of trust for Lent, and a song of God’s faithfulness for liturgies and prayer moments throughout the year.

—Carey Landry

It Is Good to Wait in Silence

Based on Lamentations 3:21–26

Carey Landry
Arranged by John Guarino

INTRO (♩ = ca. 84)

Keyboard

Em D Em

D Em

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REFRAIN
Soprano

Alto

It is good to wait in si - lence for your sav - ing help, O

Baritone

Em D Em D

God. It is good to wait in si - lence for your sav - ing help, O

Em D Em D

1-3 to Verses Final rit. Fine

God. God.

1-3 Em to Verses Final Em D Em Fine

It Is Good to Wait in Silence

VERSES

1. I will al - ways__ try to re - mem - ber as my rea - son__ to have
 2. Your__ grace is re - newed ev - ery morn - ing, your__ bless - ings re - newed each
 3. I will seek you in qui - et and si - lence; I will seek you with all my

Em Am C D

1. hope: your fa - vors are nev - er ex - haust - ed, your__
 2. day. Your love is__ with us for - ev - er; so__
 3. heart. Oh, speak to your hum - ble__ ser - vant, let me

Em Am

1. mer - cies are nev - er spent. *D.S.*
 2. great is your faith - ful - ness.
 3. hear your__ voice, O God.

C D Em *D.S.*

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 84)

Em D Em D Em

(Kbd)

REFRAIN

Em D Em D

It is good to wait in si - lence for your sav - ing help, O

Em D Em D

God. It is good to wait in si - lence for your sav - ing help, O

1-3 Em	to Verses	Final Em	rit.	D	Em	Fine
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God. God.

VERSES

Em Am C D

1. I will al - ways try to re - mem - ber as my rea - son to have
2. Your grace is re - newed ev - ery morn - ing, your bless - ings re - newed each
3. I will seek you in qui - et and si - lence; I will seek you with all my

Em Am

1. hope: your fa - vors are nev - er ex - haust - ed, your
2. day. Your love is with us for - ev - er; so
3. heart. Oh, speak to your hum - ble ser - vant, let me

C D Em D.S.

1. mer - cies are nev - er spent.
2. great is your faith - ful - ness.
3. hear your voice, O God.

It Is Good to Wait in Silence

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SOLO INSTRUMENT I & II

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 84)

Musical notation for the Intro section, featuring two staves labeled I and II in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

REFRAIN: Tacet 1st time

Musical notation for the Refrain section, featuring two staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Musical notation for the end of the Refrain, featuring two staves with markings for "1-3 to Verses", "Final", "rit.", and "Fine".

VERSES 1-3: Tacet 1st time

Musical notation for the Verses section, featuring two staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

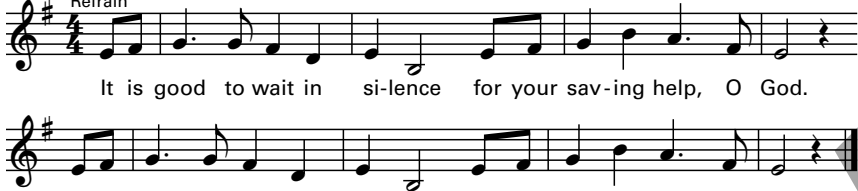
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Assembly Edition

IT IS GOOD TO WAIT IN SILENCE

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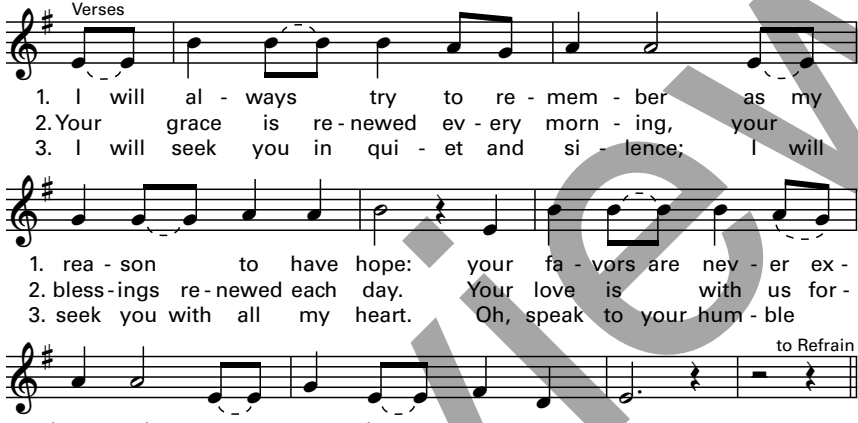
Refrain



It is good to wait in si-lence for your sav-ing help, O God.

It is good to wait in si-lence for your sav-ing help, O God.

Verses



1. I will al - ways try to re - mem - ber as my
2. Your grace is re - newed ev - ery morn - ing, your
3. I will seek you in qui - et and si - lence; I will

1. rea - son to have hope: your fa - vors are nev - er ex -
2. bless - ings re - newed each day. Your love is with us for -
3. seek you with all my heart. Oh, speak to your hum - ble

to Refrain

1. haust - ed, your mer - cies are nev - er spent.
2. ev - er; so great is your faith - ful - ness.
3. ser - vant, let me hear your voice, O God.

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