

The Prayer.

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Come now and we'll see that a spirit's abroad

"That's akin to whatever is pleasing to God."

Leave space for our verse.

II "We have prayed and we have waited

— Watching anxiously the strand —

"For the hour we knew was fated

"For the hour we hoped at hand; —

"When each bondman ^{should} ~~shall~~ go free

"The birth-hour of our jubilee"

III "We have prayed and waited long

"For the promised, coming man

"Armed with might to punish Wrong

"Freedom's chosen Slavery's ban

"Who ^{should} ~~shall~~ set the bondman free

"And bring the hour of Jubilee."

IV "We have learned by many a token

"Many a word of promise high

"By our martyred prophets spoken

"By the signs in Earth and Sky,

"That our eyes ^{should} ~~shall~~ surely see,
 "The hour that bringeth Jubilee."

V. "We have waited for your coming,
 "Long had waited but in vain —
 "Till we saw the tall masts looming
 "O'er the Ocean's billowy plain
 "And we hailed the barks with glee
 "Trusting they brought Jubilee"

VI. "We were told that you had come
 "Threat'ning us with deeper woes
 "Making worse our hopeless doom
~~"Bringing us a darker doom"~~
 "But we thought that Slavery's foes,
 "Boasting of their liberty
 "Could but bring us Jubilee."

VII. "Then we heard the battle's murmur
 "Rolling o'er the frightened land
 "And we knew the great Confirmer

"To whom nations are but sand,

"Was fulfilling his decree

"And bringing us our jubilee."

VIII

"And we told each waiting brother—

"Grip or token served for word—

"That the prayers men sought to smother

"By our master had been heard

"And that o'er the swelling sea

"He had sent us, Jubilee!"

IX

"Now we come to you for freedom

"We have heard that Israel's God

"Sent his chosen one to lead them

"Far beyond the smiting rod

"Through the cloud and through the sea

"In their hour of Jubilee!"

X

"We ask not release from labor

"Would not be exempt from toil

"We but ask to be thy neighbor

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"And to share the world's turmoil;

"Bond no more but man^e and free
"Chanting songs of Jubilee."

XI "And we ask by him who brought us
"Free redemption through His blood
"Have ye learned what He hath taught us
"E'er to do thy fellow good?
"Bid us rise from bended knee
"And hail the hour of Jubilee!"