

# 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

*Refrain*

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author/composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom 378



G C D Em Cmaj7 D

1 We wait the peace - ful king - dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie

2 Where is the peace - ful king - dom? When will this new day start?  
 3 When wars of des - o - la - tion and hate come to an end,  
 4 That lit - tle child shall lead us to walk the cho - sen way,



G C D C Am7 D G

in gen - tle - ness and friend - ship with - out a fear or sigh,  
 We long for peace and com - fort to reign with - in each heart.

when na - tion meets with na - tion and calls the oth - er "friend,"  
 to share the peace - ful king - dom, to greet God's new - born day.



C Am D G Am Am7 D

when li - on shall be graz - ing, when snake shall nev - er strike;  
 Yet not in our lives on - ly, nor sim - ply in our home:

still peace in all its full - ness will on - ly have be - gun:  
 The child born in a sta - ble is sent to break our chains,



G C D C Am7 D G

a lit - tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a - like.  
 we pray that all cre - a - tion will one day find sha - lom.

sha - lom for all cre - a - tion be - gins with jus - tice done.  
 to bring through word and ta - ble the day when jus - tice reigns.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 11:6-9 in the first stanza, then reflects on that passage in widening frames of reference from self to all creation and identifies its "little child" with one born at Bethlehem. The tune is named for the composer's sister, his first piano teacher.