



**We Are Willing  
to Wait  
a Little Longer**

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(1846-1902)**

**Avanella L. Holmes** (1846–1902) was born in Ohio and graduated from Ohio Wesleyan. She taught in the public schools in Sidney, Delaware, and Ada, Ohio. She lived briefly in Evanston, Wyoming where she taught in the school and was acting pastor at the Methodist Episcopal Church. She returned to Ohio and, in 1873, married Isaac M. Reed. They lived in Ohio, in Graysville, Tennessee, and in Pleasant Valley, Nebraska. She died in Nebraska. She authored numerous poems and short stories and wrote a number of songs.

We are willing to wait a little longer—  
Some longer!  
Much longer!  
We are willing to wait a little longer,  
Till the good time coming comes.  
For the glory of that day, boys,  
Shall brighten all the past,  
And in its glorious ray, boys,  
We will rejoice at last.  
And we're willing to wait a little longer—  
Some longer!  
Much longer!  
We are willing to wait a little longer,  
Till the good time coming comes.

We are willing to work a little longer—  
Some longer!  
Much longer!  
We are willing to work a little longer,  
Till the good time coming comes.  
For when that day shall dawn, boys,  
We'll bear the harvest home,  
All clouds will be withdrawn boys,  
When that good day has come.  
And we're willing to work a little longer—  
Some longer!  
Much longer!  
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Till the good time coming comes.

We are willing to fight a little longer—  
Some longer!  
Much longer!  
We are willing to fight a little longer,  
Till the good time coming comes.  
For wrong must be o'erthrown, boys,  
And right must rule, not might.  
All tyrants shall be down, boys,  
In that day's glorious light!  
And we're willing to fight a little longer—  
Some longer!  
Much longer!  
We are willing to fight a little longer,  
Till the good time coming comes.

Yes, we're willing to wait a little longer—  
Some longer!  
Much longer!  
We are willing to wait a little longer,  
Till the good time coming comes.  
It is dawning o'er the land, boys,  
The nation hails its reign.  
Each woman child and man, boys,  
Finds blessings in its train.  
And we're willing to wait a little longer—  
Some longer!  
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Till the good time coming comes.

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S in its glo - rious ray, boys, We will re - joice at last. And we're

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S clouds will be with - drawn boys, When that good day has come. And we're

A clouds will be with - drawn boys, When that good day has come. And we're

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S ty - rants shall be down, boys, In — that day's glo - rious light! And we're

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S dawn - ing o'er the land, boys, The na - tion hails its reign. Each

A dawn - ing o'er the land, boys, The na - tion hails its reign. Each

T dawn - ing o'er the land, boys, The na - tion hails its reign. Each

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S wo - man child and man, boys, Finds bless - ings in its train. And we're

A wo - man child and man, boys, Finds bless - ings in its train. And we're

T wo - man child and man, boys, Finds bless - ings in its train. And we're

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(1865)

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