

# We may tarry a while

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Tampa

The musical score is written for piano in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The first system is marked with a '5' above the treble staff. The second system is marked with a '10' above the treble staff. The third system is marked with a '15' above the treble staff. The music features a steady bass line and a melody in the treble staff that moves in a stepwise fashion, often with grace notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

**We may tarry awhile here as strangers,  
Unnoticed by those who pass by;  
But the Savior will crown us in glory,  
To shine as the stars in the sky.**

*Refrain*

*We shall shine as the stars of the morning,  
With Jesus the Crucified One;  
We shall rise to be like Him forever,  
Eternally shine as the sun.*

**We may never be rich in earth's treasures,  
Nor rise on the ladder of fame;  
But the saints will at last be rewarded,  
Made rich in Immanuel's name.**

**Refrain**

**We may live in a tent or a cottage,  
And die in seclusion alone;  
But the Father who seeth in secret,  
Remembers each one of His own.**

**Refrain**

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