

A Little While

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J=90

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, 4 flats. The top staff has a treble clef, and the bottom staff has a bass clef. The first staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The second staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The third staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The fourth staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The first staff contains lines 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the lyrics. The second staff contains lines 5, 6, 7, and 8. The third staff contains lines 9, 10, 11, and 12. The fourth staff contains lines 13, 14, 15, and 16. The score ends with a fermata over the final note of the fourth staff.

1. Oh, for the peace that flow - eth as a riv - er, Mak - ing life's
2. "A lit - tle while" for pa - tient vi - gil keep - ing, To face the
3. "A lit - tle while" the earth - en pitch - er tak - ing, To way - side
4. "A lit - tle while" to keep the oil from fail - ing, "A lit - tle

des - ert plac - es bloom and smile; Oh, for the
storm and wres - tle with the strong; "A lit - tle
brooks, from far off fount - ains fed; Then the parched
while" faith's flick - 'ring lamp to trim; And then the
the

faith to grasp "Heav'n's bright for - ev - er," A - mid the
while" to sow the seed with weep - ing, Then bind the
lip its thirst for - ev - er slak - ing, Be - side the
Bride - groom's com - ing foot - steps hail - ing, We'll haste to

sha - dows of earth's "lit - tle while."
sheaves and sing the har - vest song.
full - ness of the Fount-ain - head.
meet Him with the brid - al hymn.