

How Long?

Expressively, as a spiritual

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When I was just a lit - tle child, my
(My) ma - ma taught me how to work, she
(When) I was grown and on my own, Lord

ma - ma said to me, She said, "child, don't you e -
taught me how to pray. She prayed, "Lord, please have mer -
called my ma - ma home, there to live in that man -

ver be dis - cour - aged. The Lord pro - vides your
cy on Your ser - vant. Our life is hard, our
sion built in Glo - ry. One day I'll see her

ev - 'ry need, be pa - tient while He grows the seed, and
la - bor long, but through Your mer - cy we are strong.
face a - gain, the gates of heav'n I'll en - ter in.

soon we will join the har - vest song of joy." Out in the
bring us the rest You pro - mised long a - go." How long, how
Praise God, no long - er will I have to say: How long, how

fields we la - bor ev - 'ry day, and as we share the Word we
long, O Lord till Your re - turn? Wait - ing for You, O Lord, our
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Musical staff with chords: F#m, B7, E, E7, A, F#m

of - ten say, "How long, how long, till our Lord ar - rives,
 hearts do yearn to be with You and Your face to see.
 hearts do yearn. We'll keep the faith till You do ar - rive,

Musical staff with chords: E, C#m, F#m, B7, 1. E, 2. E

and we are ta - ken to our home on high?" My free?
 How long, how long be - fore You set us
 com - ing to take us to our home on

Musical staff with chords: D, A, E, A, E, D

How long O Lord till Your re - turn? Oh Lord we pray

Musical staff with chords: A, E, A, E, D, A

You hear our cry. We long to be

Musical staff with chords: C, G, D, A, B7, D.S. al Coda

fin - al - ly free, and plant our feet in par - a - dise.

When

Musical staff with chords: E, E7, A, F#m, E

high! We'll keep the faith till You do ar - rive, com - ing to

Musical staff with chords: C#m, F#m, B7, A, Am7, E

take us to our home on high! Our home on high!