

The World Waits (Pop)

Douglas Yates — inspired by Psalm 24:7-8 • Key: Eb major (final chorus lifts to F#/Gb major) • 72 BPM
• 4/4

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VERSE 1 (THE HUSH -> THE COMMAND -> THE KING COMES IN -- SLOW 12/8, PP LEGATO, BUILDING)

Eb Eb Ab
Creation waits in deep and holy yearning,
Eb Eb Eb
through every age of shadow, cold, and night;
Cm Ab Bb
through darkened years the faithful hearts kept burning,
Eb Eb Eb
for One long-promised, hidden yet from sight.
Eb Bb Eb
Take heart, take heart, ye long-awaiting mortals--
Fm Ab Eb
the watch is done; let heaven's song begin!

CLIMAX (THE "FALL ON YOUR KNEES" OCTAVE LEAP -- FF, SUSTAINED HIGH PEAK)

Eb Eb Ab
Lift up your heads! Ye everlasting portals!
Eb Cm Gm Ab
Behold -- the King of glory shall come in!

TAG (RESOLVING DESCENT, SOFTENING)

Eb B F# Eb
He comes! He comes! The King of glory comes in!

VERSE 2 (THE AWED QUESTION -> THE MIGHTY ANSWER -- BACK TO REVERENT LEGATO)

F# C# F# Eb
But who is this, that all the heavens ponder,
B F# C#
that everlasting doors should yield the way?
F# Ab C# F#
"Who is this King of glory?" -- nations wonder,

B **Eb** **B**
the very heavens lean to hear this day.

Gm **F#** **Ab** **B**
Then hear the answer break, and tell the story--

F# **B** **F#**
the earth's reply resounds from sea to sea:

SECOND PEAK (THE MIGHTY ANSWER -- SOAR, THEN BEGIN THE DESCENT)

B **F#** **F#** **F#**
The LORD, the strong and mighty, comes in glory,

F# **Eb** **Eb**
the LORD of hosts, in battle mighty, He!

TAG (DECRESCENDO TO A WHISPERED, AWED CLOSE)

Ab **Eb** **Eb** **Eb**
This is the King of glory -- He is come.