The World Waits

Douglas Yates — inspired by Psalm 24:7-8 • Key: Eb major • 76 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 Ab
through every age of shadow, cold, and night;

Eb Ab Bb
through darkened years the faithful hearts kept burning,

Eb Cm Ab
for One long-promised, hidden yet from sight.

Eb Cm Eb
Take heart, take heart, ye long-awaiting mortals--

Ab Ab Eb
the watch is done; let heaven's song begin!

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

Eb Ab Bb
Lift up your heads! Ye everlasting portals!

Ab Bb Cm Gm
Behold -- the King of glory shall come in!

TAG (RESOLVING DESCENT, SOFTENING)

Eb Eb B E
He comes! He comes! The King of glory comes in!

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

C#m Ab F#m E
But who is this, that all the heavens ponder,

B A B
that everlasting doors should yield the way?

E Eb A F#m
"Who is this King of glory?" -- nations wonder,

B E B
the very heavens lean to hear this day.

C#m A B C#m
Then hear the answer break, and tell the story--

E A A
the earth's reply resounds from sea to sea:

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

E A E E
The LORD, the strong and mighty, comes in glory,

E E Eb
the LORD of hosts, in battle mighty, He!

TAG (DECRESCENDO TO A WHISPERED, AWED CLOSE)

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