

Ho! Reapers Of Life's Harvest

(President Jas. A. Garfield's Favorite Hymn)

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The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in G major and the bottom staff is in C major. The music is in common time. The lyrics are arranged in four-line stanzas, with measure numbers 1 through 19 indicated above the notes. The first stanza starts with 'mel.' and ends with 'blade,'. The second stanza starts with 'Until' and ends with 'fade?'. The third stanza starts with 'mel.' and ends with 'come?'. The fourth stanza starts with 'mel.' and ends with 'dumb?'.

1) Ho! reap - ers of life's har - vest, Why sit with rust - ed blade,
2.) Thrust in your sharp - ened si - ckle, And gath - er in the grain;
3.) Come down from hill and moun - tain In morn - ing's rud - dy glow
4.) Mount up the heights of wis - dom, And crush each er - ror low;

5) Un - til the night draws 'round thee, And day be - gins to fade?
The night is fast ap - proach - ing, And soon will come a - gain;
Nor wait un - til the di - al Points to the noon be - low;
Keep back no word of know - ledge That hu - man hearts should know;

10) mel. 11) Why stand ye i - dle, wait - ing For reap - ers more to come?
The Mas - ter calls for reap - ers, And shall He call in vain?
And come with strong - er sin - ew, Nor faint in heat or cold,
Be faith - ful to thy mis - sion In ser - vice to the Lord,

15) mel. 16) The gold - en morn is pass - ing, Why sit ye i - dle, dumb?
Shall sheaves lie there un - gath - ered, And waste up - on the plain?
And pause not till the eve - ning Draws 'round its wealth of gold!
And, then, a gold - en chap - let Shall be thy just re - ward!