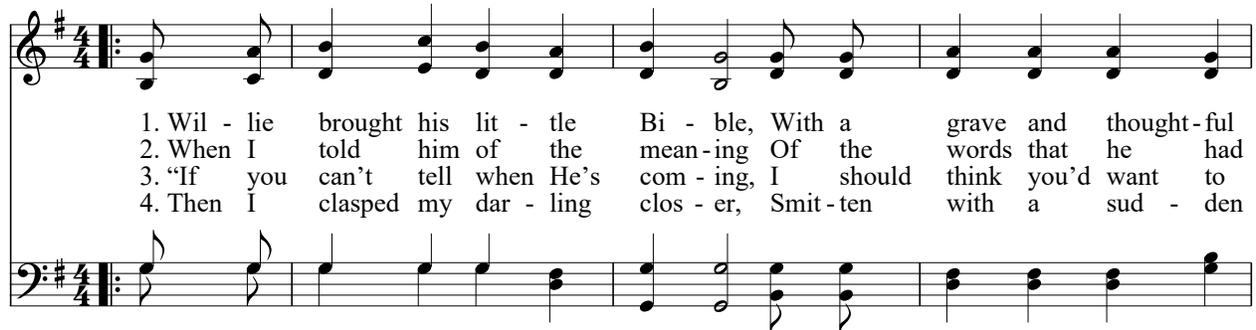


Papa, Are You Ready?

Eben Eugene Rexford, 1888

William Evander Penn

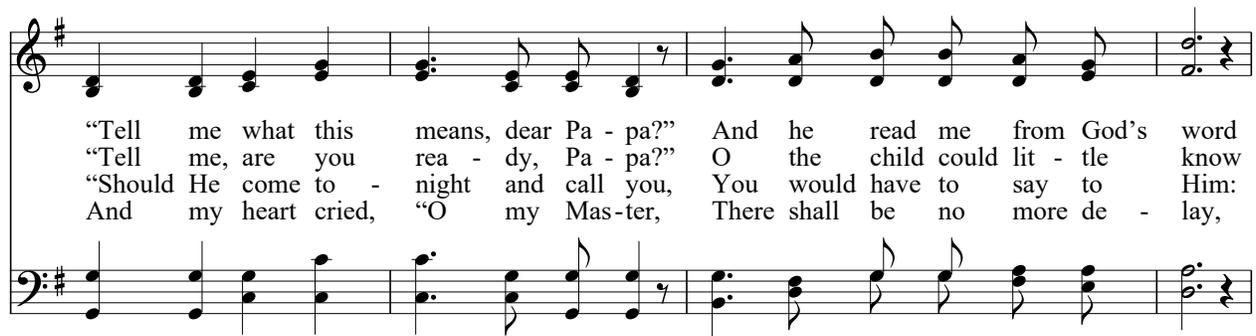
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1. Wil - lie brought his lit - tle Bi - ble, With a grave and thought - ful
2. When I told him of the mean - ing Of the words that he had
3. "If you can't tell when He's com - ing, I should think you'd want to
4. Then I clasped my dar - ling clos - er, Smit - ten with a sud - den

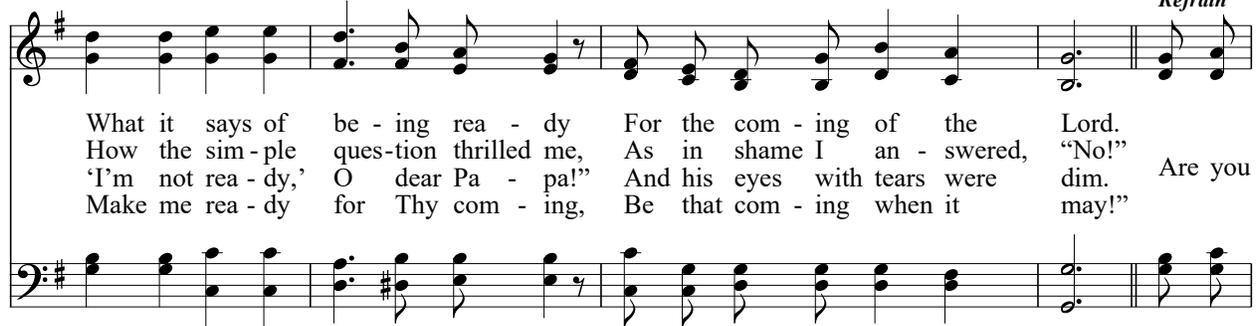


look In the eyes he lift - ed to me From the pag - es of the book;
read, He was si - lent for a mo - ment, Then looked up at me and said:
be Al - ways rea - dy," said my Wil - lie, Look - ing grave - ly up at me.
fear, For the words that he had spok - en Seemed to bring life's end so near,



"Tell me what this means, dear Pa - pa?" And he read me from God's word
"Tell me, are you rea - dy, Pa - pa?" O the child could lit - tle know
"Should He come to - night and call you, You would have to say to Him:
And my heart cried, "O my Mas - ter, There shall be no more de - lay,

Refrain



What it says of be - ing rea - dy For the com - ing of the Lord.
How the sim - ple ques - tion thrilled me, As in shame I an - swered, "No!"
'I'm not rea - dy,' O dear Pa - pa!" And his eyes with tears were dim. Are you
Make me rea - dy for Thy com - ing, Be that com - ing when it may!"

rea - dy for His com - ing, Be that com - ing soon or late? Will you

1.2.3.

go and meet Him glad-ly When he knock-eth at the gate? No! I can-not meet Him glad-ly,

I'm not rea-dy now, I know, And it may be that His foot-steps Ev-en now are at the door.

4.

Yes, I'm rea - dy now to meet Him, Be that com - ing soon or late; I can

run and meet Him glad-ly When He knock-eth at the gate!