

The World's Been a-Waitin' So Long

SATB *a cappella* with opt. PercussionWords and Music by
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(1/7) ** Moderately fast ♩ = ca. 116

* SA *mf*

There will be joy _____ when the Mes - si - ah comes. There will be
TB

joy _____ when the Mes - si - ah comes. There will be joy _____ when the Mes -

(6) There will be
si - ah comes. The world's been a - wait - in' so long.

joy _____ when the Mes - si - ah comes. There will be
There will be joy when the Mes - si - ah comes.

*The percussion parts and accompaniment track include 6 1/2 beats of introduction before the choir begins.
Measure numbers begin with the first full measure after the choir entrance.

**CD points 1-6 include opt. percussion instruments and keyboard doubling of voices.
CD points 7-12 include only the percussion instruments.

joy when the Mes - si - ah comes. There will be
 11
 There will be joy when the Mes - si - ah comes.

joy when the Mes - si - ah comes. The
 13
 There will be joy when the Mes - si - ah comes. The
 The

world's been a - wait - in' so long.
 15
 world's been a - wait - in' so, the world's been wait - in', been
 world's been a - wait - in' so long.

p
 wait - in' so long. Sweet peace,
 17
p There will be peace when the Mes -

19

si - ah comes. There will be peace. sweet peace.

21

There will be peace. Sweet peace when the Mes -
si - ah comes.

23

si - ah comes.— The world's been a - wait - in' so.—

si - ah comes.— The world's been a - wait - in' so,—
The world's been a - wait - in' so,—

25

long.—

the world's been wait - in', been wait - in' so long.—
long.—