

Lead Vocal (Alto or Tenor - 8vb)

# Wish I Had Answered

Moderate Traditional Gospel, Spirited

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Intro *swing 8ths throughout* (simile) 1.2.

Hand Claps

14 **A** Verse 1 3.

"Come and fol-low me" - - you know the mas-ter said. - -

18

- "Don't wait 'til to-mor-row, 'cause you may be dead." - -

22

I - - was young - - and I wan-ted to play. - -

26 *freely interpret*

- Said. I - would - just one more day. - Don't you know I wish

31 **B** Chorus 1

you know I wish don't you know I wish

35

when - He called. Ear - ly one

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39 **C** Verse 2

mor - ning - I felt the pain. - - - Felt - like death

- - done signed my name. - - - I star-ted to trem

- ble - deep down in - side - yeah.\_ I felt the fear

- - of the swel-ling tide. - - Don't you know I wish

*freely interpret*

55 **D** Chorus 2

you know I wish don't you know I wish

when - He called. So\_\_ man-y doc

63 **E** Verse 3

- tors stood a-round my bed. - - - One-walked a -

way - and he shook his head. - - - He said"Your fev

71

- er is one oh two. Well, I don't be - lieve

75

I can pull you through." Don't you know I wish

*freely interpret*

79

**F** Chorus 3

you know I wish don't you know I wish

83

when - He called. Well - my fev

87

**G** Verse 4

- er - rose to one oh three. The doc-tor walked a - round

91

- child, he took a look at me. Oh - it

95

rose - to one oh four. He said,"oh death

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- - - is knock-in' at your door". Lord, it

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Verse 4 extended

103

rose high - - to one oh five. He said "I don't be - lieve

107

- Lord - you will sur- vive." *ad lib.* Don't you know I wish

111

**H** Chorus 4

you know I wish Don't you know I wish

115

you know I wish Don't you know I wish

119

Chorus 5

you know I wish Don't you know I wish

124

you know I wish an - swered oh yes!