

Wish I Had Answered

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Gospel (Traditional)

♩ = 168 Intro

Lead Vocal

Hand Claps

Backing Vocal

Glockenspiel

Soprano Xylophone

Alto Xylophone

Alto Metallophone

Bass Xylophone

Shaker

Tambourine

Drums

*(simile)*

*(simile)*

*mf*

*mf*

A7

D7

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Ld. Vox

Bck. Vox

Glock.

Sop. Xyl.

Alto Xyl.

Alto Met.

Bass Xyl.

Shk.

Tamb.

Dr.

*mf* Come and fol - low me\_\_

A7 E7 D7 A7

Fill

15 Verse 1

Ld. Vox

Bck. Vox

Glock.

Sop. Xyl.

Alto Xyl.

Alto Met.

Bass Xyl.

Shk.

Tamb.

Dr.

Hand Claps

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

A7

D7

E7

*(simile)*

*(simile)*

you know the mas - ter said.\_\_\_\_

Don't wait\_ 'til to-mor - row

'cause you may be dead.\_\_\_\_

I\_\_\_\_ was young

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Ld. Vox



and I wan-ted to play. Said I would just one more day. Don't you know I wish,

Bck. Vox



Glock.



Sop. Xyl.



Alto Xyl.



Alto Met.



Bass Xyl.



A7D7A7

Shk.



Tamb.



Dr.



(simile)

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Chorus 1

Ld. Vox

you know I wish, don't you know I wish, when\_\_ He called. Ear - ly one

Bck. Vox

*mf* Wish I\_\_ had an - swered,\_ Wish I\_\_ had an - swered,\_ Wish I\_\_ had an - swered,\_ when\_\_ He called.

Glock.

Sop. Xyl.

Alto Xyl.

Alto Met.

Bass Xyl.

A7 D7 A7 D7 A7 D7 A7

Shk.

(simile)

Tamb.

(simile)

Dr.

(simile)

39 Verse 2

Ld. Vox

Bck. Vox

Glock.

Sop. Xyl.

Alto Xyl.

Alto Met.

Bass Xyl.

Shk.

Tamb.

Dr.

mor - ning I felt the pain. Felt- like death done signed my name. I start-ed to trem

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

A7

D7

A7

(simile)

(simile)

47

Ld. Vox

- ble deep down in - side\_\_\_\_ yeah... I felt the fear\_\_\_\_ of the swel-ling tide.\_\_\_\_ Don't you know I wish,

Bck. Vox

Glock.

Sop. Xyl.

Alto Xyl.

Alto Met.

Bass Xyl.

A7 D7 A7

Shk.

Tamb.

Dr.

(simile)

55 Chorus 2

Ld. Vox

you know I wish, don't you know I wish, when\_\_ He called. So\_\_ man - y doc

Bck. Vox

*mf* Wish I\_\_ had an - swered,\_ Wish I\_\_ had an - swered,\_ Wish I\_\_ had an - swered,\_ when\_\_ He called.

Glock.

Sop. Xyl.

Alto Xyl.

Alto Met.

Bass Xyl.

A7 D7 A7 D7 A7 D7 A7

Shk.

(*simile*)

Tamb.

(*simile*)

Dr.

(*simile*)



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Verse 3

Ld. Vox

- tors stood a-round my bed.\_\_\_\_ One\_walked a - way\_\_\_\_ and he shook his head.\_\_\_\_ He said"Your fev -

Bck. Vox

Glock.

*mf*

Sop. Xyl.

*mf*

Alto Xyl.

*mf*

Alto Met.

*mf*

Bass Xyl.

A7 D7 E7

Shk.

(simile)

Tamb.

Dr.

(simile)

71

Ld. Vox

er is one oh two.\_\_\_\_ Well, I don't be - lieve\_\_\_\_ I can pull you through."\_\_\_\_ Don't you know I wish,

Bck. Vox

Glock.

Sop. Xyl.

Alto Xyl.

Alto Met.

Bass Xyl.

A7 D7 A7

Shk.

Tamb.

Dr.

(simile)

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Chorus 3

Ld. Vox

you know I wish, don't you know I wish, when\_\_ He called. Well\_ my fev-

Bck. Vox

*mf* Wish I\_\_ had an - swered,\_ Wish I\_\_ had an - swered,\_ Wish I\_\_ had an - swered,\_ when\_\_ He called.

Glock.

Sop. Xyl.

Alto Xyl.

Alto Met.

Bass Xyl.

A7 D7 A7 D7 A7 D7 A7

Shk.

(simile)

Tamb.

(simile)

Dr.

(simile)

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Verse 4 (extended)

Ld. Vox

Bck. Vox

Glock.

Sop. Xyl.

Alto Xyl.

Alto Met.

Bass Xyl.

Shk.

Tamb.

Dr.

-er. rose to one oh three. The doc-tor walked a - round child, he took a look at me. Oh it

*(simile)*

*Hand Claps*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*A7*

*D7*

*A7*

*(simile)*

*(simile)*

95

Ld. Vox

rose—to one oh four. He said,"Oh death—is knock-in' at your door." Lord, it

Bck. Vox

Glock.

Sop. Xyl.

Alto Xyl.

Alto Met.

Bass Xyl.

A7D7A7

Shk.

Tamb.

Dr.

(simile)

103

Ld. Vox

rose high\_\_\_\_\_ to one oh five. He said, "I don't be - lieve\_\_\_\_\_ Lord\_\_\_\_\_ you will sur- vive." *f* Don't you know I wish,

Bck. Vox

*Hand Claps*

Glock.

Sop. Xyl.

Alto Xyl.

Alto Met.

Bass Xyl.

A7 A7

Shk.

*(simile)*

Tamb.

*(simile)*

Dr.

Fill

111 Chorus 4

Ld. Vox

you know I wish, don't you know I wish, you know I wish,

Bck. Vox

*f* Wish I\_\_\_ had an - swered,\_\_\_ Wish I\_\_\_ had an - swered. Oh yes! Wish I\_\_\_ had an - swered,\_\_\_ Wish I\_\_\_ had an - swered. Oh yes!

*Solo (A minor pentatonic scale)*

Glock.

Sop. Xyl.

Alto Xyl.

Alto Met.

Bass Xyl.

A7 D7 A7 D7 A7 D7 A7

Shk.

(simile)

Tamb.

(simile)

Dr.

(simile)