

Awake

Music: to the tune of MONK'S GATE (7 5 7 5 6 6 6 5.) English Traditional Melody

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1. Come! We must not idly wait –
slaves to so-called fate –
longing with a misty gaze
for those pearly gates;
We cannot know the time
we'll cross the finish line
So hear the urgent cry:
Oh wake! Awake now!

2. God is seated on His throne
in each humble home
standing at our city gates
roaming on our roads
And through our many phones
the desperate and alone
repeat Creation's groan:
Oh wake! Awake now!

3. For *Johannesburg* we pray: —————
Peace be within you!
May we be this hour, this day
this peace God brings you.
Melt down the guns and knives
fight for the precious lives
So soon the Hour arrives:
Oh wake! Awake now!

This line may be adapted to fit your context, e.g.:

For our Cape Town, Lord we pray...
For our city, Paarl, we pray...

Or you could generalise:

For our village, Lord...
For our town, O Lord...
For our District / Diocese / Circuit....

4. See how dark the shadows fall
in city alleys;
See how Death has stalked us all
counting his tally;
Now see! The Light has come!
See, God's own only Son!
Now death is overcome:
Oh wake! Awake now!

Based on the Revised Common Lectionary (A) for 1st Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

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