

While We Have Time

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1. While we have time, while voi - ces rush to speak, hav - ing so much to
2. While we have time, while eyes un - dimmed can meet, shar - ing far more than
4 3. While we have time, while di - tance can be closed when arms reach to em -



say, — words must be found to car - ry all the warmth
sight, — glan - ces must hold, not quick - ly move a - way,
7 brace, — touch - es and kiss - es must be ours to give,



that our e - mo - tions would con - vey — Shy - ness is sel - fish and
anx - ious, but seem - ing - ly po - lite. — Dodg - ing di - rect - ness we
10 bend - ing pro - pri - e - ty with grace. — Fear of re - jec - tion may



si - lence is shame. Love un - ex - pressed is a prom - ise gone lame
stare in - to space, hear - ing a voice but a - void - ing a face.
13 sti - fle our need, then by an - oth - er's em - brace we are freed.



Proud res - o - lu - tions wi - ther on the vine. Now must af - fec - tion
Old in - hi - bi - tions hurt and un - der - mine. Now must af - fec - tion
16 Los - ing that free - dom would be more than crime. Now must af - fec - tion



speak, while we have time.
look, while we have time.
touch, while we have time.