

For the Darkness of Waiting
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For the darkness of waiting
of not knowing what is to come
of staying ready and quiet and attentive,
we praise you O God:

**For the darkness and the light
are both alike to you.**

For the darkness of the unknown future
for the terror of unpredictability
and for the greater terror of
opening ourselves to that which is
unfolding,
we praise you O God:

**For the darkness and the light
are both alike to you.**

For the darkness of loving
in which it is safe to surrender
to let go of our self-protection
and to stop holding back our desire,
we praise you O God:

**For the darkness and the light
are both alike to you.**

For the darkness of choosing
when you give us the moment
to speak, and act, and change,
and we cannot know what we have set in
motion,
but we still have to take the risk,
We praise you O God:

**For the darkness and the light
are both alike to you.**

For the darkness of hoping
in a world which longs for you,
for the wrestling and the labouring of all
creation
for wholeness and justice and freedom,
we praise you O God:

**For the darkness and the light
are both alike to you.**