

Patient Trust
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- Hymn:** “For You Are My God” (CBW III #483, verses 1 and 2)
- LS:** Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
- RS:** We are quite naturally impatient in everything, to reach the end without delay.
- LS:** We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
- RS:** We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.
- LS:** And yet, it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability –
- RS:** And that may take a very long time.
- LS:** And so I think it is with you; your ideas mature gradually –
- RS:** Let them grow; let them shape themselves, without undo haste.
- LS:** Don’t try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.
- RS:** Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.
- LS:** Give our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you,
- RS:** And accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.
- All:** We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen
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