

When is the time to trust
Encouragement — For Trusting the Lord

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The musical score is written in a single system with four staves. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is on the top staff, and the accompaniment is on the bottom three staves. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.

1. When is the time to trust? Is it when all is calm,
 When waves the vic - tor's palm, And life is one glad psalm?
 Nay! but the time to trust Is when the waves beat high,
 When storm clouds fill the sky, And pray'r is one long cry.

2. When is the time to trust?
 Is it when friends are true?
 Is it when comforts woo
 In all we say and do?
 Nay! but the time to trust
 Is when we stand alone,
 And summer birds have flown,
 And every prop is gone.

3. When is the time to trust?
 Is it some future day,
 When you have tried your way,
 And learned to trust and pray?
 Nay! but the time to trust
 Is in this moment's need,
 Poor, broken, bruised reed.
 Poor, troubled soul, make speed!

4. When is the time to trust?
 Is it when hopes beat high,
 When sunshine gilds the sky
 With joy and ecstasy?
 Nay! but the time to trust
 Is when our joy has fled,
 When sorrow bows the head,
 And all is cold and dead.