

SLOW DOWN, MARTHA

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins in 3/4 time and changes to 4/4 time at measure 7. The lyrics are: "I've worked my poor fingers right down to the bone for the Man who comes to be here today I'll dream and I'll wait for wisdom to come I'll rest and I'll wait and I'll kneel and I'll pray Slow down Martha Mary show us the way". The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic structure with a triplet in the final measure of the piece.

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for the Man who comes to be here today
I'll dream and I'll wait for wisdom to come
I'll rest and I'll wait and I'll kneel and I'll pray

Slow down Martha - Mary, show us the way

The Man needs to eat and he's dusty and tired
I will bake and I'll scrub. My love it will show
My sister tries hard and she tries too long
What The Man wants from us, I am sure we will know

My sister is dreaming - she's lazy and fey
Why does all of the work always land upon me?
Just listen and wait for a sign from the Man.
You're working for love that he gives us for free.

His words are confusing, I don't understand.
I'm trying so hard to make sense of it all.
Just give up the fight, let His words of love flow.
You're trying so hard that you're building a wall.

His message is simple - it's clear to me now.
Love is its beginning and love is its end.
I will wash his poor feet and worship his head.
Forever my master, forever my friend.

I've opened my heart and He's opened my eyes.
He loves me for naught and He loves me for all.
Thank the Lord for His words, for His wisdom and love
Thank God that He came and we answered His call.

(Written for the voices of Glynis Murray and Alison Cole, January, 2000)