

I Cannot Be Idle

*And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,
And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. Mt. 20:1-16*

1. I can-not be i - dle, for Je - sus says, "Go And work in My har - vest to - day;
2. I can-not be i - dle, the fields are so white, And num-ber-less sheaves will be lost;
3. I can-not be i - dle, soon time will be o'er, And reap-ing be end - ed for aye;
4. I can-not be i - dle, no time for re - pose, My rest-ing shall be o - ver there,

And then at the eve - ning, when la - bor is done, What - ev - er is right I will pay."
They per - ish for want of more reap - ers to save, How aw - ful to think of the cost!
I'll gath - er the lost from the by - ways of sin To walk in the beau - ti - ful way.
Where all of the faith - ful in heav - en a - bove A crown of bright glo - ry shall wear.

Refrain

Then a - way to the work I will go, _____ And join in the reap - ing of grain, _____
I'll go, I'll go,

And back from the har - vest with beau - ti - ful sheaves, I'll come with re - joic - ing a - gain.