

How Long Will the World Seem So Grim and Chaotic?

1. How long will the world seem so grim and chaotic? How long will the
 2. We ache for a vision so vividly painted that people can
 3. God labor to free us from premature grieving, when worries con-
 4. The vision of wholeness, though threatened by darkness, is seen in the

forc - es of e - vil run free? Does God have a Word for our
 in - stant - ly wel - come its power. We sigh from the depths of our
 vince us that all is in vain. Sha - lom will ar - rive for the
 life of the proph - e - sied One. His love, known wher - ev - er the

run - a - way plan - et? Is Yah - weh "I AM" or just plain "USED - TO - BE"?
 fear - rid - den spir - its and look for di - rec - tion this day and this hour.
 whole of cre - a - tion; there will be a day when the meek feel no pain.
 faith - ful re - call Him, is light for our jour - ney, as bright as the sun.

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