

TOIL ON

Music by Carl Thomas Gladstone and the Abolitionist Hymnal Project
Words adapted from *The Anti-Slavery Harp*

Intro: C G/B Am7
Fadd9 G C

C Bb F
With luxury and wealth surrounded,
C Am G
The slaving masters proudly dare,
C Bb F
With thirst of gold and power unbounded,
C Am G
To mete and vend God's light and air!
F C G Am
To mete and vend God's light and air;
Dm7 G7
vend God's light and air;

C G F G
Have pity on the slave;
C G F G
Take courage from God's word;
C G Fmaj7 Am G Fmaj7
Toil on, toil on, all hearts resolved— these captives shall be free.
Am G C G/B Am7 Fadd9 G C
These captives shall be free, These captives shall be free.

The fearful storm—it threatens lowering,
Which God in mercy long delays;
Slaves yet may see their masters cowering,
While whole plantations smoke and blaze!
While whole plantations smoke and blaze;
plantations smoke and blaze;

Em F
Too long the slave has groaned, bemoaning
C G
The power these heartless tyrants wield;
Em F
For with men's hearts they're unavailing;
Gsus4
Yet free them not by sword or shield.