

May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You

After the war, Willson got back to work in the Sunday school class he mother taught. "Her weekly farewell," he says, was, "May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet again." Years later—in the early 1950's—Willson became musical director of the late 90-minute radio program, The Big Show, starring Fiddler on the Roof and presenting dozens of other stars. The show was broadcast on Sunday, and one of Willson's jobs was to provide a suitable closing theme song. Harking back to his childhood and his mother's weekly farewell, he composed "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You" in a single day. He taught the new song to M. Bankhead who, in Willson's words, "was a smash."

Words and Music by Meredith Willson

Moderately

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May the good Lord bless and keep you, wheth-er near or far a-way. Ma

find that long a-wait-ed gold-en day to-day. May your trou-bles a

small ones, and your for-tune 10 times 10, May the good Lord bless and keep yo

Chords: C, F, Dm7, Gaug, C, A7+, Dm, G11, G7, Cmaj7, F, Dm7, Gaug, C, A7+, Dm

keep

keep you till we meet, — till we meet — a - gain. —