

## Pastor's Patch: Kneeling



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### **Kneeling by R. S. Thomas**

Moments of great calm,  
Kneeling before an altar  
Of wood in a stone church  
In summer, waiting for the Go  
To speak; the air a staircase  
For silence; the sun's light  
Ringing me, as though I acted  
A great role. And the audiences  
Still; all that close throng  
Of spirits waiting, as I,  
For the message.  
Prompt me, God;  
But not yet. When I speak,  
Though it be you who speak  
Through me, something is lost.  
The meaning is in the waiting.

### **POINT TO PONDER**

The poem captures the beauty of waiting on God in prayer. What is the one prayer that remains unanswered for you? Dare to pray it once again, but this time understanding the meaning of waiting.

**Darrell Holmes**