

GOOD SOIL

a series to help us think, talk, and act



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Till we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain?
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Isaac Wardell, Porter's Gate



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Bill & Gloria Gaither



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