

Dusky Hands
Haldor Lillenas, 1915.

Dusky hands are reaching for the bread of life
Far across the rolling sea;
Shall they perish in their misery and strife,
Shall they always hungry be?

Refrain

Send the Gospel tidings over land and sea,
Let the hungry souls be satisfied,
Till the pow'r of Jesus sets the captives free,
O lead them to the Master's side.

Dusky hands are bound in chains of want and woe
In the far off heathen lands;
Shall we not in haste unto their borders go,
Set them free, as God commands?

Refrain

We cannot be idle any longer now,
While the souls in darkness die;
Gather them as jewels for the Savior's brow,
While the days are passing by.

Refrain

Dusky faces look to us for hope and peace,
Shall they look to us in vain?
Jesus can redeem them, cause their sighs to cease,
Rend their chains of sin in twain.

Refrain