

Oh, What Are You Going to Do

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Philip Phillips.

Oh, what are you going to do, brother?

Say, what are you going to do?

You have thought of some useful labor,

But what is the end in view?

You are fresh from the home of your boyhood,

And just in the bloom of youth!

Have you tasted the sparkling water,

That flows from the fount of truth?

Is your heart in the Savior's keeping?

Remember, He died for you!

Then what are you going to do, brother?

Say, what are you going to do?

Will you honor His cause and kingdom,

Wherever your path may be?

And stand as a bright example,

That others your light may see?

Are you willing to live for Jesus?

And ready the cross to bear?

Are you willing to meet reproaches?

The frowns of the world to share?

Your lot may perhaps be humble,

But God has a work for you!

Then what are you going to do, brother?

Say, what are you going to do?

Oh, what are you going to do, brother?

The morning of youth is past;

The vigor and strength of manhood,

My brother, are yours at last.

You are rising in worldly prospects,

And prospered in earthly things:

A duty to those less favored

The smile of your fortune brings.

Go prove that your heart is grateful

The Lord has a work for you!

Then what are you going to do, brother?

Say, what are you going to do?

Oh, what are you going to do, brother?

Your sun at its noon is high!

It shines in meridian splendor,

And rides through a cloudless sky.

You are holding a high position

Of honor, of trust, and fame;

Are you willing to give the glory

And praise to your Savior's name?

The regions that sit in darkness

Are stretching their hands to you;

Then, what are you going to do, brother?

Say, what are you going to do?

Oh, what are you going to do, brother?

The twilight approaches now;

Already your locks are silvered,

And winter is on your brow.

Your talents, your time, your riches,

To Jesus, your master, give;

Then ask if the world around you  
Is better because you live.  
You are nearing the brink of Jordan,  
But still there is work for you;  
Then, what are you going to do, brother?  
Say, what are you going to do?