

# Nearer, My God, To Thee

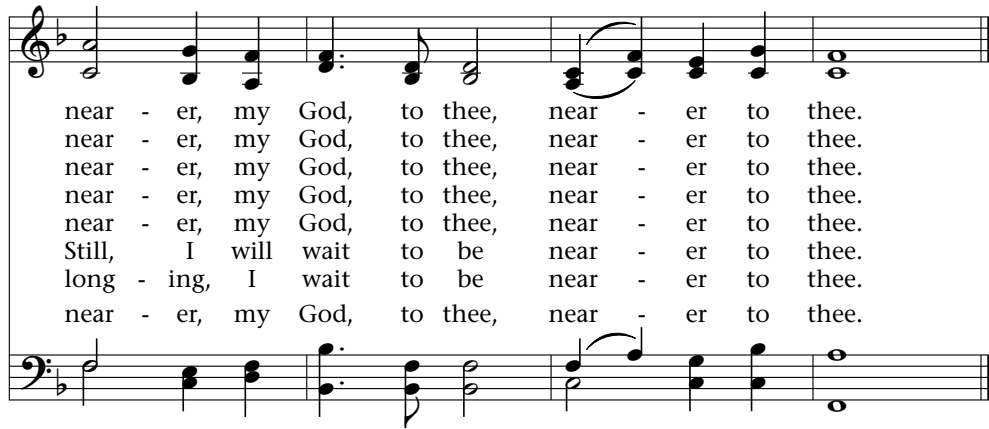
1 Near - er, my God, to thee, near - er to thee!  
 2 When bread and wine are shared, bro - ken and poured;  
 3 When in Geth - sem - a - ne dark - ness sur - rounds,  
 4 When en - e - mies ap - pear, threat - en, de - ride,  
 5 Through ill - ness and de - spair, tri - als and pain,  
 6 When in my dark - est hour no help ap - pears,  
 7 Wrapped in the shroud of night, still as a tomb,  
 Easter 8 Soft morn - ing grays the sky dark - ness re - treats

E'en though it be a cross that rais - es me,  
 when saint and sin - ner kneel and call you Lord,  
 when weep - ing, down I fall, face to the ground,  
 when friends a - ban - don me, flee from my side,  
 though kings and na - tions fail, God's Word re - mains—  
 in an - guish and in doubt, I cry in fear:  
 here I my vi - gil keep in deep'n-ing gloom.  
 then fear gives way to hope as my Sav - ior greets,

still all my song shall be, near - er, my God, to thee;  
 your wel - come beck - ons me near - er, my God, to thee;  
 there, as the cup I see, I will draw near to thee;  
 your arms will cra - dle me near - er, my God, to thee;  
 that Word which gath - ers me near - er, my God, to thee;  
 "God has a - ban - doned me; his face I can - not see."  
 E'en death will not keep me, Lord, Sav - ior, far from thee;  
 rais - ing me up to be, near - er my God to thee;

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Still, I will wait to be near - er to thee.  
long - ing, I wait to be near - er to thee.  
near - er, my God, to thee, near - er to thee.