

Nearer, My God, to Thee

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Music: Lowell Mason (1792-1872), 1856

Tune Name: BETHANY

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Gently ♩ = 38-44

T
1. Near-er, my God, to thee, Near-er to thee! E'en though it be a cross That rais-eth

B
E'en though it be a cross That rais-eth

8

S
Near-er, my God, to thee, Near-er, my God, to thee,

A
Still all my song shall be Near-er, my God, to thee, Near-er, my God, to thee,

T
me. Still all my song shall be Near-er, my God, to thee, Near-er, my God, to thee,

B
me. Still all my song shall be Near-er, my God, to thee, Near-er, my God, to thee,

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S
Near - er, to thee!

A
2. Though like the wan-der-er,

T
2. Though like the wan-der-er,

B
2. Though like the wan-der-er,

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S
A

The sun gone down, Dark-ness be o - ver me, My rest a stone,

T
B

o - ver

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S
A

Yet in my dreams I'd be Near - er, my God, to thee! 3. There let the way ap-pear,

Yet in my dreams I'd be Near - er, my God, to thee! 3. There let the way ap-pear,

33

S
A

Steps un - to heav'n;— All that thou send-est me, In mer - cy giv'n;—

Steps un - to heav'n;— All that thou send-est me, In mer - cy giv'n;—

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S
A

An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to thee,

T
B

43

S
A

Near - er, my God, to thee, Near - er to thee!

T
B

48

T

4. Then with my wak - ing thoughts Bright with thy praise,

B

4. Then with my wak - ing thoughts Bright with thy praise.

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T
8
Out of my ston - y griefs Beth - el I'll raise;

B
Out of my ston - y griefs Beth - el I'll raise;

56

S
A
So by my woes to be Near - er, my God, to thee, Near - er, my God, to thee,

T
B
So by my woes to be Near - er, my God, to thee, Near - er, my God, to thee,

62

S
A
Near - er to thee! 5. Or if, on joy - ful wing

T
B
Near - er to thee! 5. Or if, on joy - ful wing

Beth-el: see KJV:Genesis 28

¹⁶And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.

¹⁷... this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

¹⁸And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

¹⁹And he called the name of that place Beth-el. . .

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S
A

Cleav - ing the sky, Sun, moon, and stars for-got, Up - ward I fly,

T
B

73

S
A

Still all my song shall be Near - er, my God, to thee, Near - er, my God, to thee,

T
B

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S
A

Near - er to thee! Near - er, my God, to thee, Near - er to thee!

T
B

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