

# Nearer, My God, to Thee

Words: Sarah Fuller Flower Adams (1805-1848); in *Hymns and Anthems* (London: 1841), no. LXXXV [85];  
based on Genesis 28:10-22

Music: Lowell Mason (1792-1872), 1856

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$\text{♩} = 38-44$

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9 1. Near-er, my God, to thee, Near-er to thee! E'en though it be a cross That rais-eth me.

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

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2. Though like the wan-der-er, The sun gone down, Dark-ness be

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o - ver me, My rest a stone, Yet in my dreams I'd be Near - er, my

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God, to thee! 3. There let the way ap-pear, Steps un - to heav'n; All that thou

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'Nearer, My God, to Thee'. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The score is written in 3/8 time and begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 38-44. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 8-17) contains the first two verses of the hymn. The second system (measures 24-30) contains the third verse. The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand part with chords and a left-hand part with a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The score includes measure numbers 8, 9, 17, 24, and 30. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

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send-est me, In mer - cy giv'n; An - gels to beck-on me Near - er, my God, to thee,

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Near - er, my God, to thee, Near - er to thee! 4. Then with my

49

wak - ing thoughts Bright with thy praise, Out of my ston-y griefs Beth - el I'll raise;

56

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

**Beth-el:** see KJV:Genesis 28

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

<sup>17</sup>. . . this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

<sup>18</sup>And 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.

<sup>19</sup>And he called the name of that place Beth-el. . .

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8) Near - er to thee! 5. Or if, on joy - ful wing

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

73

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

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

*ritardando*

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