

One Sweetly Solemn Thought

Words: Phoebe Cary (1824-1871), "Nearer Home" (1852); in *The Lecture-Room Hymn-Book* (1855), no. 456, p. 478; altered

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1. One sweet-ly sol-emn thought Comes to me o'er and o'er;
2. Near-er my Fa-ther's house, Where man-y man-sions be;
3. Near-er the bounds of life, Where bur-dens are laid down;
4. Fa-ther, per-fect my trust! Strength-en my pow'r of faith!

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Near-er my home to-day am I Than e'er I've been be-fore.
Near-er to-day, the great white throne, Near-er the crys-tal sea.
Near-er to leave the heav-y cross, Near-er to gain the crown.
Nor let me stand, at last, a-lone Up-on the shore of death.