

# 41. Nearer, My God, to Thee

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Lowell Mason

The words of this famous hymn were written by an English woman who died in 1848. Probably no hymn is more deeply loved by the people. The words were written in 1840, but it was not until 1860, when Dr. Lowell Mason's setting was composed, that the hymn attained its wide-spread popularity in this country.

Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee! —

E'en tho' it be a cross That rais - eth me, —

*D.S.* — Near er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.

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

2. Tho' like the wanderer,  
The sun gone down,  
Darkness be over me,  
My rest a stone,  
Yet in my dreams I'd be,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,

3. There let the way appear  
Steps unto heav'n;  
All that thou sendest me  
In mercy given;  
Angels to beckon me,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,

4. Or if on joyful wing  
Cleaving the sky,  
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,  
Upward I fly,  
Still all my song shall be,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,



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