

Nearer, My God, to Thee

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Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes. Psalm 119:67,71

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Mrs. Sarah F. Adams, 1841: verse 1, line 5, altered

Bethany

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1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee! E'en though it be a cross
 2. Though like the wan-der - er, The sun gone down, Dark - ness be o - ver me,
 3. There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heaven: All that Thou send'st to me
 4. Then, with my wak-ing thoughts Bright with Thy praise, Out of my ston - y griefs

That rais - eth me; Still all my song shall be, Near - er, my
 My rest a stone; Yet in my dreams I'd be Near - er, my
 In mer - cy given: An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my
 Beth - el I'll raise; So by my woes to be Near - er, my

God, to Thee, Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee!
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 God, to Thee, Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee!
 God, to Thee, Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee! A - men.

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