

NEAR

Alto and Bass duet

Lyrics by Adam Crosby
Music by Aaron Waite

The musical score is arranged in a system with five staves. The top two staves are for Alto and Bass, both in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves (Piano and Pno.) and a vocal staff (A and B). The piano part begins with a tempo marking of *Soft & Prayerful* and a dynamic of *8^{va}*. It includes markings for *rit.* and *a tempo*. The vocal staff (A) has a *11* rehearsal mark and includes the lyrics: "Lord, I need Thee here with me Please stay near me, calm my fears care Hum - bly Lord I pray to Thee I feel lost and need Thy care". The piano part includes a *11* rehearsal mark and a *Ped.* marking with the instruction "(throughout ad lib.)".

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A

I can't face the night a - lone
My lifegrows dark, I can - not see

1. hold me clo-ser now to Thee

B

1.

16

Pno.

1.

20

A

Tell me are you real - ly there Lord I need Thee here with me Please draw

2.

B

2.

20

Pno.

2.

24

A

close and calm my fears. Hold me clo-ser now to Thee

B

24

Pno.

28

A

rit. Please stay near me, dry my *a tempo* tears.

B

28

Pno.

33

A

B

33

Pno.

rit. *deliberate*

8va

38

A

B

38

Pno.

a tempo

(8va)

42

A

B

When you find your heart in fear and you feel alone in - side

Pno.

(8va) -----

46

A

B

Know that I am al - way near, con - stantly by your side

Pno.

50

A

B

Have no doubts Feel no fear

Pno.

54

A

B

When you wish to speak to me, I am al - ways near

Pno.

58

A

B

Feel my peace Feel my love I am wa - tching from a - bove

Pno.

62

A

B

You are my child and ve - ry dear, and *rit.* if you pray in faith I will draw *a tempo*

Pno.

65

A Hum - bly Lord I pray to Thee I feel lost and need Thy care

B near. When you find your heart in fear and you feel a - lone in - side

Pno.

69

A My life's grown dark, I can-not see Tell me are you real - ly there?

B Know that I am al - ways near, con - stant-ly by your side

Pno.

73

A Lord I need Thee here with me Please draw close and calm my fears.

B Feel my peace Feel my love I am wa - tching from a - bove

Pno.

77

A

Hold me clo-ser now to Thee Please stay near me, dry my *rit.* tears.

B

You are my child and ve - ry dear and *rit.* if you pray in faith I will draw *rit.* near

Pno.

81

A

Hold me clo-ser now to Thee Please stay with me, dry my tears.

B

You are my child and ve - ry dear and when you pray in faith I am al-ways near.

Pno.

85

A

B

85

Pno.