

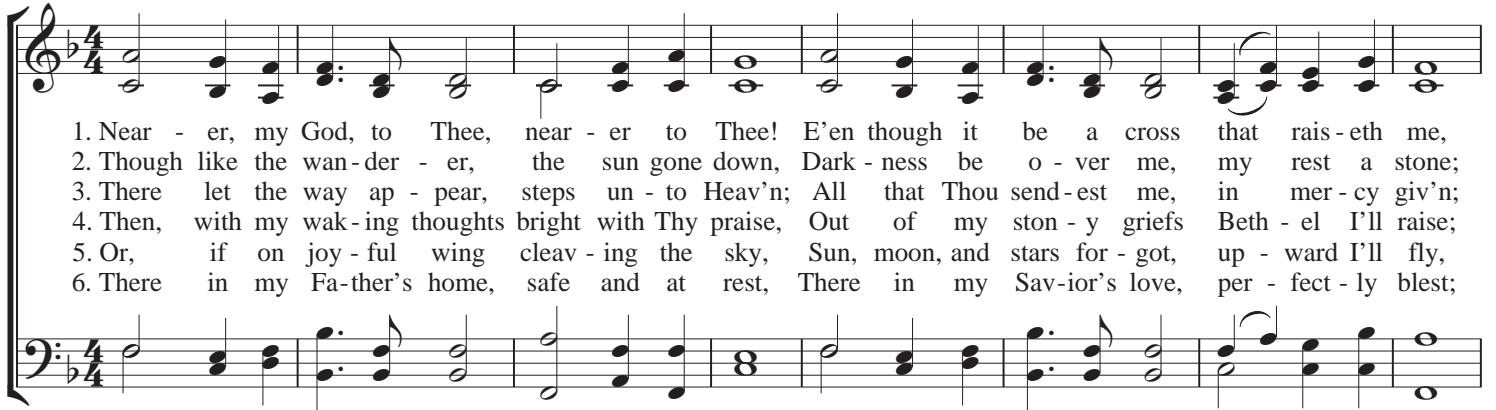
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GENESIS 28:11-12

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BETHANY

Lowell Mason, 1856



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2. Though like the wan - der - er, the sun gone down, Dark - ness be o - ver me, my rest a stone;  
3. There let the way ap - pear, steps un - to Heav'n; All that Thou send - est me, in mer - cy giv'n;  
4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts bright with Thy praise, Out of my ston - y griefs Beth - el I'll raise;  
5. Or, if on joy - ful wing cleav - ing the sky, Sun, moon, and stars for - got, up - ward I'll fly,  
6. There in my Fa - ther's home, safe and at rest, There in my Sav - ior's love, per - fect - ly blest;

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Still all my song shall be, near - er, my God, to Thee.  
Yet in my dreams I'd be near - er, my God, to Thee.  
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So by my woes to be near - er, my God, to Thee.  
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PUBLIC DOMAIN

1. Näher mein Gott zu Dir, näher zu Dir!  
Drückt mich auch Kummer hier, drohet man mir,  
Soll doch trotz Kreuz und Pein, dies meine Losung sein:

2. Bricht mir, wie Jakob dort, Nacht auch herein,  
Find ich zum Ruheort nur einen Stein,  
Ist selbst im Traume hier mein Sehnen für und für:

3. Geht auch die schmale Bahn, aufwärts gar steil,  
Führt sie doch himmelan zu meinem Heil.  
Engel so licht und schön winken aus selgen Höhn:

4. Ist dann die Nacht vorbei, leuchtet die Sonn,  
Weih ich mich Dir auf's neu vor Deinem Thron,  
Baue mein Bethel Dir, und jauchz mit Freuden hier:

5. Ist mir auch ganz verhüllt mein Weg allhier:  
Wird nun mein Wunsch erfüllt: Näher zu Dir!  
Schließt dann mein Pilgerlauf, schwing ich mich selig auf:

Näher mein Gott zu Dir, näher zu Dir!

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