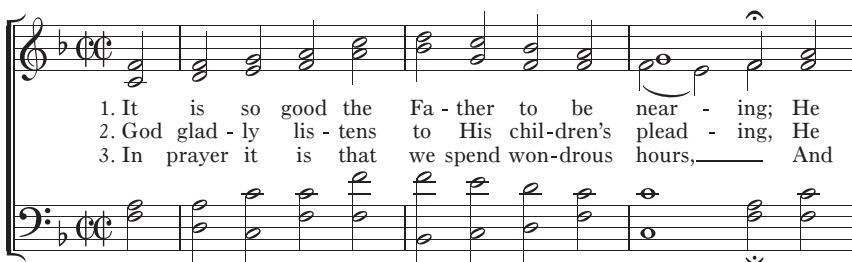


7. Ye cares, no longer tarry!  
 No gentleness you carry,  
 For you are stern and hard,  
 Go now unto the Father;  
 He is my Couns'lor rather—  
 Arise, my soul, unto Thy Lord!

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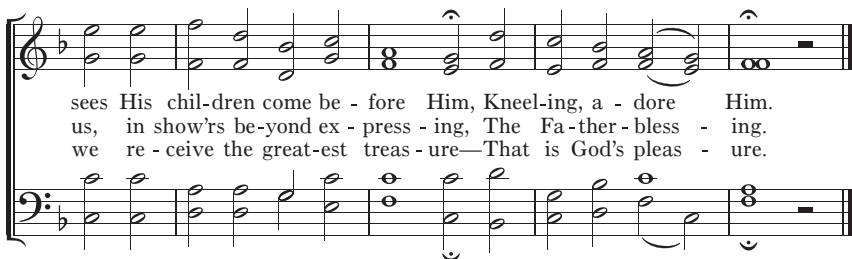
It Is So Good the Father to Be Nearing



1. It is so good the Fa - ther to be near - ing; He  
 2. God glad - ly lis - tens to His chil - dren's plead - ing, He  
 3. In prayer it is that we spend won - drous hours, — And



glad - ly gives the prayers we of - fer hear - ing; He glad - ly  
 dries their tears and heals their hearts when bleed - ing; He pours on  
 for the prayers we speak God gives the pow - ers; By pray - ing



sees His chil - dren come be - fore Him, Kneel - ing, a - dore Him.  
 us, in show'rs be - yond ex - press - ing, The Fa - ther - bless - ing.  
 we re - ceive the great - est treas - ure—That is God's pleas - ure.

4. O then in every place bring your devotion—  
 And though we find no words for our emotion,  
 So let us come before His throne with sighing,  
 God hears our crying.

5. And when at length the days of life are ended,  
 In our last hours we lie, by pain attended,  
 Then will His Holy Spirit, interceding,  
 For us be pleading.