


339. Nearer, My God, to Thee


"But it is good for me to draw near to God..." Ps. 73:28

Alto §




1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee,
4. Or if, on joy - ful wing Cleav - ing the sky,


Tenor





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Soprano and Alto



E'en though it be a cross That rais-eth me! Still all my
Sun, moon, and stars for-got, Up - ward I fly,

song shall be, Near - er, my God, to Thee; Near - er, my God, to Thee,



Fine

Near - er to Thee.

Fine

Alto

2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun gone down,

Bass

3. There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heaven;

Fine

Choir

Dark - ness be o - ver me, My rest a stone; Yet in my
An - gels to

All that Thou send - est me, In mer - cy given;

Fine

dreams I'd be Near - er, my God, to Thee;
beck - on me

The first system of the musical score is in B-flat major (two flats). It consists of two systems of staves. The top system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The vocal line begins with the lyrics "dreams I'd be Near - er, my God, to Thee;" and the piano line begins with "beck - on me". The second system continues the piano accompaniment with a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.

The second system continues the musical score. The vocal line (treble clef) has the lyrics "Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee." and features some melodic movement. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) continues with the eighth-note pattern in the left hand and chords in the right hand, ending with a fermata.

1. 2. D.S. al Fine

The third system contains the first and second endings of the piece. The first ending (marked "1.") leads back to the beginning of the first system. The second ending (marked "2. D.S. al Fine") leads to the final section of the score. The piano accompaniment in the second ending features a more active melody in the right hand.