

Side Notes: I have an arrangement of this that I did more than 10 years ago and then one day I was just improvising and this new version kind of came together. With the left hand patterns, it has a more of reflective or meditative feel to it than most versions of this song that I've heard. I wrote it down and it was different enough from my other version that I felt it was worth putting down on paper. It is interesting how the great melodies, especially hymn melodies, can be arranged and even played differently by thousands of people, yet when played well, a person, no matter what they believe in, can still feel the peace in the same way. I hope this helps bring peace to you and whomever might be able to listen to you play the tune. This hymn tune is called "BETHANY," and was written by Lowell Mason in 1856.

Nearer My God to Thee

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Reverently

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Near - er my God, to thee! *rit.* near -

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er to Thee! *rit.* E'en though it be a

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cross, that rais - eth me, *rit.*

Music Tune: Lowell Mason, 1856

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Still all my song shall

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be, near - near - er my God, to thee;
rit.

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Near - er my God, to thee; near -

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er to thee!

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Though like the wan - derer, the sun gone down, dark - ness be o - ver me,