

Nearer, Dear Savior to Thee

SAB and Piano

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With great yearning, not rushed

The piano introduction is in 6/8 time, marked *mf* and *with pedal*. It features a flowing melody in the right hand and a steady accompaniment in the left hand, both in a key of three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor).

9 *Women:*

Near - er, dear Sav - ior, to thee, _____ Near - er, near - er to thee _____

The first vocal entry for women begins at measure 9. The vocal line is in a soprano range, with lyrics under the notes. The piano accompaniment continues from the introduction.

16

— Ev - er I'm striv - ing to be _____ Near - er, yet near - er to thee! _____

The second vocal entry begins at measure 16. The vocal line continues with lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a more active melodic line in the right hand.

23 *div.*

— Trust - ing, in thee I con - fide; _____ Hop - ing, in thee I a -

The third vocal entry begins at measure 23, marked *div.* (divisi). The vocal line continues with lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

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bide. Take, oh, take, and cher - ish me, Near - er, dear

37

Sav - ior, to thee. Near - er, dear Sav - ior to thee, near - er to thee

Near - er, near - er to thee

44

Ev - er my an - them will be Near - er, yet near - er to thee!

51

Hum - bly I come to thee now; Earn - est, I prayer - ful - ly

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57

bow. oh, take, and cher - ish* me, Near - er, dear

bow. Take, oh, take, and cher - ish me, Near - er, dear

64

Sav - ior, to thee. Lov - ing thee, ev - er I pray,

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* If the F# is too low, altos may stay on the B.

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71

Musical score for measures 71-76. The system includes a vocal line in bass clef and a piano accompaniment in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The vocal line has lyrics: "Aid me thy will to o - bey. Near - er, dear Sav - ior, to". The piano accompaniment features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Performance markings include *f* (forte) at the start of measure 75, *rit.* (ritardando) above measure 74, and *cresc.* (crescendo) below measure 73. There are also dynamic markings *v* (vibrato) in the piano part.

77

Musical score for measures 77-83. The system includes a vocal line in bass clef and a piano accompaniment in grand staff. The vocal line has lyrics: "thee, Near - er, near - er to thee Let me by". The piano accompaniment continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Performance markings include *v* (vibrato) in the piano part.

84

Musical score for measures 84-89. The system includes a vocal line in bass clef and a piano accompaniment in grand staff. The vocal line has lyrics: "ho - li - ness be Near - er, yet near - er to thee! When all my". The piano accompaniment features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Performance markings include *p* (piano) above measure 88 and *p* (piano) below measure 89. There are also dynamic markings *v* (vibrato) in the piano part.

91

tri - als are done, When my re - ward I have won, *poco rit.*

poco rit.

98

Take,* oh, take, and cher - ish me, Near - er, dear Sav - ior, to thee, *mp*

ff *mp* *rit.*

105

to thee, to thee, *pp*

p *pp*

* Optional tenor in measures 98-105