

# Closer to Thee

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1. Closer to Thee, near to Thy side, Clos - er, dear Lord, I would a - bide;  
2. Closer to Thee, near to Thy breast, Clos - er to Thee, Lord, let me rest;  
3. Closer to Thee, clos-er each day, In from the world, draw me a - way;  
4. Closer to Thee, hap-py and free, Grant me, O Lord, ev - er to be;

Hold me in Thy em - brace, 'Neath ev - ery smile of grace; Grant me, Thy  
Guide me when I would stray, Keep me from sin each day, Draw me, dear  
Let me a - bide with Thee, Blest Lamb of Cal - va - ry, O let me  
Hear me in ev - ery cry, Stand near when I must die; Then take me

child, a place Clos-er to Thee.  
Lord, I pray, Clos-er to Thee.  
ev - er be Clos-er to Thee.  
home on high, Clos-er to Thee.