

Your Best Friend Is Always Near

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1. When the sha - dows 'round you ga - ther, When the day is long and drear,
2. When your cour-age al - most fails you, When you need a word of cheer,
3. When your fond-est hopes have per - ished, When so free - ly falls the tear,
4. When the val - ley of the sha - dow You are tread-ing, do not fear;

In the morn - ing, or at mid - night, Your best friend is al - ways near.
There is One who will not leave you: Your best friend is al - ways near.
He who knows and feels your sor - row— Your best friend— is al - ways near.
One there is who will go with you: Your best friend is al - ways near.

Refrain

Al - ways near, al - ways near, Your best friend is al - ways near;
He is al - ways near, He is al - ways near,

In your glad-ness, in your sad-ness, Your best friend is al - ways near.