

Nearer, my God, to thee

HORBURY

This hymn is widely reputed to have been the final piece of music played by the eight-musician band aboard the RMS Titanic as it sank during the early hours of 15 April 1912.

1. Near - er, my God, to thee, near - er to thee!
2. Though like the wan - der - er, the sun gone down,
3. There let the way ap - pear, steps un - to heav'n;
4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts bright with thy praise,
5. Or if, on joy - ful wing cleav - ing the sky,

E'en though it be a cross that rais - eth me,
dark - ness be o - ver me, my rest a stone;
all that thou send - est me, in mer - cy giv'n;
out of my ston - y griefs Beth - el I'll raise;
sun, moon, and stars for - got, up - ward I fly,

still all my song shall be, near - er, my God, to thee; near - er to thee!
yet in my dreams I'd be near - er, my God, to thee; near - er to thee!
an - gels to beck - on me near - er, my God, to thee; near - er to thee!
so by my woes to be near - er, my God, to thee; near - er to thee!
still all my song shall be, near - er, my God, to thee; near - er to thee!

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