

# Near to Thee

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1. Lord, I would be ev-er near Thee, Help me not Thy path to leave;  
2. I've no friend on earth just like Thee, Whom to car-ry all my woes.  
3. Oh, dear sin-ner, won't you have Him To be yours a - long life's way?

For to wan-der from Thy pres-ence, Would the Ho-ly Spir - it grieve.  
May I ev - er walk be-side Thee, Till this earth-ly life shall close.  
Just be-lieve, re - pent, con-fess Him, and be born a - new this day.

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Effie Bunner Hale was the daughter of the gospel preacher, A.A. Bunner. She composed these lyrics in 1962 at age 80.