



## *Nearer, My God to Thee*

Lowell Mason

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Side Notes: I wrote this song as an arrangement for choir and violin in 2003 and then revamped the song to work as a piano solo in 2011. The composer, Lowell Mason, set a poem by Sarah F. Adams to music in 1856 and published the song in a collection known as The Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book. The song received rave reviews in 1900 when a choir of over 1,500 people performed it in Philadelphia.

Numerous accounts from the survivors of the Titanic make reference to this song. One journal entry states, "As the Titanic was sinking, the doomed passengers sang "Nearer My God to Thee." Those who were fortunate enough to get into life boats heard the song." I can't think of a more appropriate song and message to share in such a situation.

The fifth verse includes a great thought as well... "Still all my song shall be, Nearer my God to Thee." I can't think of a better statement to end with. Hopefully all of the music in this book helps bring others closer to God.

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*Reverently*

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*With Pedal*

Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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