

Nearest and Dearest

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Andante affettuoso

The piano introduction consists of five measures. The right hand features a simple melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The left hand plays a steady accompaniment of eighth notes: G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3.

6

G Am D7

Near-est and dear-est; oh! tell me once
Near-est and dear-est; oh! tell me a -

The vocal line begins at measure 6 with a whole rest, followed by a repeat sign. The melody for the first line of lyrics is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The piano accompaniment continues with eighth notes in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

12

G B7/F# Em A7/C# D

more, Am I re - mem-bered and loved as of yore?
gain, All my bright vi - sions of love are not vain.

The vocal line begins at measure 12 with a whole rest, followed by a repeat sign. The melody for the second line of lyrics is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The piano accompaniment continues with eighth notes in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

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G Am/C D7 G

Am I still dear - er and more as thine own,
Pleas - ure and hopes, o'er my sor - rows and fears;

21

E7/G# Am D7 G

Since thou hast taught me to love thee a - lone?
Hap - pi - ly smile thru the far - dis - tant years.

25

D A7/E A7 D

Man - y the hopes I have cher - ished for thee;
When I look up in the star - gleam - ing air,

29 F#7/C# Bm A/E E7 A Bm7 A/C#

Tell me if near - est thy heart I shall be;
Em - blems of con - stan - cy smile on me there,

33 D D/F# Adim A7/E A7/G F D/F# F#(#5) G

Say if for me ten - der mem - o - ries twine
O, to my spir - it breathe lov - ing - ly new,

37 G#dim7 D/A

fair - est art thou.
In the fond heart that should ev - er be mine.
Near - est and dear - est, and

A7(omit5) D

41

G Am/C D7 G

Near - est and dear - est; Oh! tell me once more,

45

E7/G# *passionato* Am Am/C D7 G

Am I not near - er thy heart than of yore?

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