

Dearest Children, God Is Near You

Duet (Alto and Tenor)

Lyrics by Charles L. Walker
Music by John Menzies Macfarlane
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1 $\bullet = 110$

8

1 *mp*

9 (alto has the melody)

8 Dear - est chil - dren, God is near you, Watch - ing o'er you day and

9 *mp*

16

8 night, And de - lights to own and bless you, If you strive to

16

23

8 do what's right. He will bless you, He will bless you, If you

23 *mf*

23 *mf*

The musical score is written for Alto and Tenor voices and piano accompaniment. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 110. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The piano part starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The vocal parts enter at measure 9, with the alto taking the melody. The lyrics are: "Dear - est chil - dren, God is near you, Watch - ing o'er you day and night, And de - lights to own and bless you, If you strive to do what's right. He will bless you, He will bless you, If you". The score includes dynamic markings of *mp* and *mf*. Measure numbers 1, 9, 16, and 23 are indicated at the start of their respective systems.

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30 **alto solo**
 8 put your trust in him. Dear - est chil - dren, ho - ly

37 **alto: Ooh**
 8 an - gels Watch your ac - tions night and day, **tenor: And** they

43 keep a faith - ful rec - ord Of the good and bad you

49 say. Cher - ish vir - tue! *mf* Cher - ish vir - tue! God will

55
8
bless the pure in heart. *mp* Chil-dren,

55
55 *rit.*

61
8
God de-lights to teach you by his Ho - ly Spir - it's voice. Quick-ly heed its ho-ly
a little slower

61
61 *mp*

66
8
prompt-ings. Day by day you'll then re - joice. Dear - est chil - dren

66
66 *f*

71
8
God is near you, Watch - ing o'er you day and

71
71

76
8
night, And de - lights to own and bless you, If you

mf

76
76
mf

82
8
strive to do what's right. He will bless you, He will

rit.

82
82
rit.

88
8
bless you, If you put your trust in him.

f a tempo

88
88
f a tempo

94
8
If you put your trust in him.

mp

94
94
mp

rit. *p*