Stay Near To Me

1. Stay near to me, Thou bless - ed thorn - crowned one,
2. Stay near to me, midst dark - ness com - ing down.
3. Stay near to me, when near the riv - er's brim,

I need Thy com - fort till life's work is done,
Be - fore my eyes, lift up the star - ry crown,
My feet are slip - ping t'ward the wa - ters dim,

Thou too hast borne the cross of sor - row here,
That shall be mine, if faith - ful ev - 'ry hour,
O lead Thou me a - cross the swell - ing tide,

Thou too has seen earth's glad - ness dis - ap - pear.
I fol - low Thee midst clouds that dark - ly lower.
To rest and home up - on the oth - er side.

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