

## NEAR THE CROSS

(words by **Frances Jane van Alstyne** (also known as **Fanny J. Crosby**) (1820-1915))

Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all, a healing stream,  
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

**REFRAIN:**

*In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the bright and morning star  
Sheds His beams around me.

**REFRAIN**

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadows o'er me.

**REFRAIN**

Near the cross! I'll watch and wait  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand,  
Just beyond the river.

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