

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.

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*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.

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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.

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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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