

# Dearest Children, God Is Near You

Duet (Regular Voices)

Lyrics by Charles L. Walker  
Music by John Menzies Macfarlane  
Arranged by Craig Petrie

The musical score is written for a duet of regular voices and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 3/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 110. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment is marked *mp* (mezzo-piano) in the first system and *mf* (mezzo-forte) in the fourth system. 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".

1  $\bullet = 110$

9 (Voice 1 has the melody) *mp*  
Dear - est chil - dren, God is near you, Watch - ing o'er you day and

16  
night, And de - lights to own and bless you, If you strive to

23 *mf*  
do what's right. He will bless you, He will bless you, If you

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30 **Voice 1 solo**

put your trust in him. Dear - est chil - dren, ho - ly

37 **Voice 1: Ooh** \_\_\_\_\_

an - gels Watch your ac - tions night and day, **Voice 2: 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

55 bless the pure in heart. *mp* Children,

55 *rit.*

61

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

61 *mp*

66

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

66 *f*

71

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

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

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

88  
 bless you, *f a tempo* If you put your trust in him.

94  
*mp* If you put your trust in him. *rit. p*