

# My Dearest Friend

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1. I have a friend, a pre - cious friend, Who keeps me day by day, On  
2. I need not feel one anx - ious thought, Or know one press - ing care, But  
3. O sin - ner, take Him for your friend, His grace is free to all; He  
4. 'Tis sweet to feel His pre - sence near, And on His strength re - ly, To  
5. 'Tis sweet to work for such a friend; Dear Lord, our ef - forts guide, For

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whom my hopes of Heav'n de - pend, Who is my guide and stay.  
that I may— His word hath taught— Take un - to Him in prayer.  
will the trust - ing soul de - fend, Nor suf - fer it to fall. My dear-est  
know that He thro' life will cheer, Sup - port when death is nigh.  
if Thou wilt Thy bless - ing send, The work shall e'er a - bide.

friend, my tru-est friend, My friend in life, my friend in  
My dear-est friend, my tru-est friend, my friend in life,

death, Un-to His name let praise as - cend, With glad, with  
my friend in death, Un-to His name let praise as - cend

glad ex-ult-ant breath.  
ex-ult-ant breath