You Are Near

Refrain

O Lord, I know you are near, standing always at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.

Verses

1. Lord, you have searched my heart, and you know when I sit and when I stand. Your hand is upon me, protecting me from death, still I’d find you there.

2. Where can I run from your love? If I formed me before I was born, in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun, you would still be there.

3. You know my heart and its ways, you who found are your thoughts, my Lord. Even if I could count them, they number as the stars, keep me from harm.

4. Marvelous to me are your works; how profound when I sit and when I stand. Your heavens you are there; if I hear the sunrise or sail beyond the sea, still I’d find you there.

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