

Jesus is Near Us

Jesus is near us; ⁵
so close that He can hear us, ⁷
so close that He can see us ⁷
in all we think and do. ⁶
But do we really want Him ⁷
to interrupt our living, ⁷
to push us into giving ⁷
more than we wanted to? ⁶

Jesus is near us; ⁵
so close, because He loves us ⁷
so close, because to move us ⁷
He needs to make us strong. ⁶
But do we really want Him ⁷
to introduce the strangers, ⁷
the pain, the risk, the dangers ⁷
that we have dodged so long? ⁶

Jesus is near us; ⁵
so near that it's appalling; ⁷
do we so fear His calling ⁷
we dare not hear His voice? ⁶
And would we rather have Him ⁷
shut off from how we're living: ⁷
aloof and unforgiving? ⁷
You've given us the choice. ⁶

Jesus is near us; ⁵
so close that He's within us, ⁷
so close He might begin us ⁷
on doing what we could ⁶.
But do we really want Him ⁷
recalling us to duty; ⁷
to fearfulness and beauty ⁷
of turning our world good? ⁶

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