

Never Far From Me [Eb, 67 bpm, 3/4]

[Lyrics by Matthew Carpenter. Music and Arr. by Joel Arcieri and Matthew Carpenter.]

INTRO: Eb Bb | Cm Eb/G | Ab Bb | Eb Bb | Eb Bb | Cm Eb/G | Ab Bb | Eb

VERSE 1

Father, lately my joy slips away like holding water in my hands
I find no pleasure in the day and darkness is my only friend
I confess I've lost my way from fields of joy to dens of grief
I'm on my knees as I now pray: "Oh Lord please don't be far from me!"

VERSE 2

Father, don't you hear my constant pleas and see my trouble close behind?
Though there's nothing that You cannot see, my unbelief says You are blind.
Long and evil are the days and when they end I cannot see.
Oh God please hear me as I pray: "Oh Lord please don't be far from me!"

VERSE 3

Father, Satan's lies are nearer still and whisper softly in my ear,
"Come to Babylon and eat your fill. You can only find fulfillment here."
Help me not to go astray, guide me in my wanderings
And when temptation comes my way, oh Lord please don't be far from me!
Oh Lord, please don't be far from me.

VERSE 4

Father, when the bitter sorrows end and winter melts into the spring
When you come to heal restore and mend, then all will be as it should be.
Ev'ry grief will fade away as I approach eternity
And when I see my savior's face, I'll know you were never far from me
Ev'ry grief will fade away as I approach eternity
And when I see my savior's face, what once was dim I'll clearly see

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Ab **Bb** **Ab** **Bb** **Eb Bb** |
Through all my tears and suffering that You were never far from me.

OUTRO: Cm Eb/G | Ab Bb | Eb Bb | Eb Bb | Cm Eb/G | Ab Bb | Eb