

Close By

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- 1. You've gone so far away my darling,
Each time I think of you I cry,
I'll press your picture to my bosom,
Then I'll feel that you're close by.**

- 2. The years have passed you've not returned dear,
Now they say that you have died,
But your soul will live forever,
Now I know you'll be close by.**

- 3. I saw you last while you were leaving,
The tears from you I tried to hide,
You took me in your arms and said dear,
Your memory I keep close by.**

- 4. They've buried you in a lonely graveyard,
And a spot they've left beside,
Now we'll sleep 'til Jesus calls us,
So that we can be close by.**