

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

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

INTRO: F C | Dm F/A | Bb C | F C | F C | Dm F/A | Bb C | F

VERSE 1

F C Dm7 Bb C
Father, lately my joy slips away like holding water in my hands
Dm F/A Bb Gm C F
I find no pleasure in the day and darkness is my only friend
Bb C F C/E Dm
I confess I've lost my way from fields of joy to dens of grief
Bb C Bb C F C | Dm F/A | Bb C | F
I'm on my knees as I now pray: "Oh Lord please don't be far from me!"

VERSE 2

F C Dm7 Bb C
Father, don't you hear my constant pleas and see my trouble close behind?
Dm F/A Bb Gm C F
Though there's nothing that You cannot see, my unbelief says You are blind.
Bb C F C/E Dm
Long and evil are the days and when they end I cannot see.
Bb C Bb C F C | Dm F/A | Bb C | F
Oh God please hear me as I pray: "Oh Lord please don't be far from me!"

VERSE 3

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

VERSE 4

C Dm7 Bb C
Father, when the bitter sorrows end and winter melts into the spring
Dm F/A Bb Gm C F
When you come to heal restore and mend, then all will be as it should be.
Bb C F C/E Dm
Ev'ry grief will fade away as I approach eternity
Bb C Bb C F
And when I see my savior's face, I'll know you were never far from me
Bb C F C/E Dm
Ev'ry grief will fade away as I approach eternity
Bb C Bb C Dm C
And when I see my savior's face, what once was dim I'll clearly see

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

OUTRO: Dm F/A | Bb C | F C | F C | Dm F/A | Bb C | F