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.