

# Dearer Than Life!

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Piano introduction in 3/4 time. The right hand features a simple melody of eighth and quarter notes. The left hand plays a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes with a slur over the first four notes of each measure.

7

C C G7 C

Sweet is the breath of the fair, dew - y morn,  
Tell me you love me a - gain and a - gain!

7

Vocal line: Treble clef, 3/4 time. Chords: C, C, G7, C. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as the introduction.

13

C C G7 C Am Am/C

Sweet is the Spring when the Ro - ses are born, Dear is the light of the  
Part - ed from thee, oh! the wea - ri - some pain! Morn has no beau - ty to

13

Vocal line: Treble clef, 3/4 time. Chords: C, C, G7, C, Am, Am/C. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as the introduction.

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Am E Am Am E7 Am

19

eyes that we love, Dear is our wel-come when home-ward we rove;  
 e - qual thy face, Spring has no lil - lies to e - qual thy grace!

G7 C G7 C Dm/F C/G

25

Dear - er, still dear - er, in joy or in strife, Dear-er than all art thou,  
 Dear to me ev - er, in joy or in strife, Dear-er than all art thou,

G7(omit 3) C

31

dear - er than life!  
 dear - er than life!