



Choral Series

for young people

I Am Your Friend

for Assembly, Descant, Two-part Choir, Keyboard, and Guitar

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INTRO (♩. = ca. 68)

Capo 1: (G)
A \flat

(F/G)
G \flat /A \flat

Keyboard

(C/G)
D \flat /A \flat

(D7)
E \flat 7

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From the collection

MORE STORIES AND SONGS OF JESUS

Story/Songbook #10417 Activity/Coloring Book #10421

Stereo Cassette #10418

Compact Disc #10420

Stereo Cassette (songs only) #10419



REFRAIN

Descant *p*

I am your friend be - side you,___

(D7) Eb7 (G) Ab (C/G) Db/Ab (G/B) Ab/C (Em) Fm

Melody *p*

I am your friend,___ al - ways here be - side you,___

Harmony *p*

I am your friend, al - ways here be - side you,___

to watch and be in all you do.___ I am your

(C) Db (G/B) Ab/C (Am7) Bbm7 (G) Ab

to watch and be with you in all that you do.___ I am your

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friend, I am your friend. friend. friend, I am your friend. friend. friend, I am your friend. friend. friend, I am your friend. friend.

(C) D_b (D7) E_b7 (1-3) (G) A_b to Verses Final (G) A_b Fine

1-3 to Verses Final Fine

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VERSES

(Asus4) B_bsus4 (Am) B_bm

(Gsus4) A_bsus4 (G) A_b

Melody

1. We will fol - low Je - sus' way, to his cross, with him we
 2. Je - sus helps us ev - 'ry day in the fears that come our
 3. Je - sus helps us ev - 'ry day in our work and in our
 4. Je - sus guides us ev - 'ry day, al - ways show - ing us the
 5. In his love and care we stay, as we hear his call to -
 6. Je - sus prom - ised he would stay in the bread and wine each
 7. As a fam - i - ly we pray to be close to him each

Harmony

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Descant *rit.* *a tempo*

Melody *a tempo*

(Am7) Bbm7 (C/G) Db/Ab (D7) Eb7 *rit.*

1. we say:
2-7. him say:

1. stay, in our hearts to him we say:
2. way, in our hearts we hear him say:
3. play, in our hearts we hear him say:
4. way, in our hearts we hear him say: } I am your
5. day: in our hearts we hear him say:
6. day: in our hearts we hear him say:
7. day, in our hearts we hear him say:

Harmony *rit.* *a tempo*

1. stay, in our hearts to him we say:
2. way, in our hearts we hear him say:
3. play, in our hearts we hear him say:
4. way, in our hearts we hear him say: } I am your
5. day: in our hearts we hear him say:
6. day: in our hearts we hear him say:
7. day, in our hearts we hear him say:

rit. *a tempo*

Performance Notes

This song comes from the collection *More Stories and Songs of Jesus* (Story/Songbook #10417, Stereo Cassette #10418, Compact Disc #10420) and follows the story about Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane with his disciples. The song is about friendship and trust. Adults as well as children can enjoy this song.

GENERAL USE: Sing in class or beginning catechetical sessions or at home. Read the story and then sing the song; the CD has two versions, one with singing and the other with instruments only. Don't sing all the verses at one time; choose verses suitable to the moment, or what the children have been talking about. It is particularly useful shortly before Holy Week. Let the children make up other verses if they like.

LITURGICAL USES: As a gentle gathering or communion song, for services of reconciliation and as a dismissal song for catechumens. The refrain may also be used without the verses.

VERSE TOPICS:

1. General, Lent, Holy Week
2. General, doubt, anxiety
3. General,
4. Discipleship, reconciliation
5. Confirmation, mission
6. Communion, First Communion

—*Christopher Walker*

Assembly Edition

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Refrain



I am your friend, al-ways here be - side you,
to watch and be with you in all that you do.
I am your friend, I am your friend.

Verses



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2. Je - sus helps us ev - 'ry day in the fears that come our
3. Je - sus helps us ev - 'ry day in our work and in our
4. Je - sus guides us ev - 'ry day, al-ways show - ing us the
5. In his love and care we stay, as we hear his call to -
6. Je - sus prom - ised he would stay in the bread and wine each
7. As a fam - i - ly we pray to be close to him each

to Refrain



1. stay, in our hearts to him we say:
2. way, in our hearts we hear him say:
3. play, in our hearts we hear him say:
4. way, in our hearts we hear him say:
5. day: in our hearts we hear him say:
6. day: in our hearts we hear him say:
7. day, in our hearts we hear him say:

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