



Choral Series

for young people

I Am Your Friend

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

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 68) Capo 1: (G) Ab (F/G) Gb/Ab

Keyboard

(C/G) D♭/A♭ (D7) E♭7

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REFRAIN

Descant

p

I am your friend be - side you, —

(D7) Eb7 (G) Ab (C/G) D Ab (G/F) A C (Em) Fm

Melody *p*

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

Harmony *p*

I am your friend, — be - side you, —

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

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

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

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

friend, I am your friend. friend.

friend, I am your friend. end.

friend, I am your friend. end.

friend, I am your friend. end.

1-3 to Verses Final Fine

(C) Db (D7) Eb7 (G) Ab (G) Ab

VERSES

(Asus4) Bbsus4 (Am) Bbm

(Gsus4) Absus4 (G) Ab

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

Descant *rit.* *a tempo*

Melody *a tempo*

Harmony *rit.* *a tempo*

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:

(Am7) **(C/G)** **(D7)**
Bbm7 Db Eb

rit. *a tempo*

rit. *a tempo*

I AM YOUR FRIEND

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 of 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 for 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*

SAMPLE

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, your friend.

Verses

1. We will fol - low Je - sus way, to his cross, with him we
2. Je - sus helps us ev - day in the fears that come our
3. Je - sus helps us ev - day in our work and in our
4. Je - sus guides us ev - day, always 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 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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