AS A MOTHER CARES

Refrain: Moderato (♩ = ca. 68)

Soprano/Alto

(a tempo)

As a mother cares for her child, as she loves and nurtures and guides, so have I, your God, been with you. I have been beside you all along. I will never forget my own.

Tenor/Bass

(a tempo)

Verses

1. Can a mother forget her infant, turn away?
2. I have held you in arms of mercy, as one
3. For I formed you in the womb of your mother, and your
1. way from the child of her womb? Yet, if
2. lifts an infant up to his cheek. Though I
3. soul is fully known to me. Do not

1. she forgets, I will never forget you. On the
2. stooped to feed you, you did not know your healer. I have
3. be afraid, I am with you forever. In the

1. palms of my hands I have written your name.
2. fostered you with love; my compassion is great.
3. darkness of the night I remain by your side.

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