As A MOTHER CARES

REFRAIN Moderato (q = ca. 68)

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 a-
long. I will never forget my own.

VERSES

1. Can a mother forget her infant, turn away from the child of her
2. I have held you in arms of mercy, as one lifts an infant up to his
3. For I formed you in the womb of your mother, and your soul is fully known to

1. Womb? Yet, if she forgets, I will never forget you. On the
2. Cheek. Though I stooped to feed you, you did not know your healer. I have
3. Me. Do not 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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