Nearer Home  (D.S.M.)  
Isaac Baker Woodbury, 1819 - 58.  
Harmonized by Sullivan

1 For ever with the Lord!
Amen; so let it be:
Life from the dead is in that word,
'Tis immortality.
Here in the body pent,
Absent from Him I roam,
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent
A day's march nearer home.

2 My father's house on high,
Home of my soul, how near
At times, to faith's foreseeing eye,
The golden gates appear!
Here in the body pent, etc.

3 For ever with the Lord!
Father, if 'tis Thy will,
The promise of that faithful word
Even here to me fulfill.
Here in the body pent, etc.

4 So when my latest breath
Shall rend the veil in twain,
By death I shall escape from death
And life eternal gain.
Here in the body pent, etc.
Amen.

James Montgomery, 1771 - 1854.