**THEN THE LORD STOOD BY ME!**

**I.**

When I met with storms and trial and my heart was filled with fear

When there was no one around to speak a word of help and cheer,

When I met defeat and failure and my courage ebbed away

When it seemed my life was useless and I found it hard to pray:

**CHORUS**

Then the Lord Himself stood by me,

And I had no cause to fear;

Yes, the Lord Himself stood by me!

All was changed, (fully changed) all was changed, (sweetly changed)

All was changed when He drew near!

**II.**

When my earthly friends forsook me and they all misunderstood

When my works they took for evil tho I meant them all for good

When I walk the vale of sorrow and my heart was aching sore,

When I faced a dark tomorrow with no ray of hope before:

**Repeat CHORUS**

**Coda**

When He drew near