

October Devotional Hymn: Dear Angel, Ever at My Side

Week 1

1. Print my Musescore sheet music: [PDF](#)
2. Listen & follow along while looking at the score. [YouTube](#) (fast organ) [Musescore](#)
 - a. Learn the text: "Repeat after me." Speak one phrase at a time, and have your kids repeat it back to you. Maybe listen every day, but only drill a few lines each day.
 - b. Sing along/Listen

Week 2

1. Listen and follow along to [learn the first verse](#).
2. Read "[Four Ways to Increase Devotion to Your Guardian Angel](#)". Pick one for October.
Or, [learn a new prayer](#) to your Guardian Angel. Or maybe [sing the most common one](#).

Week 3

1. [Sing along](#) to learn the second verse.
2. Read about the hymn tune composer: [Biography of Vincent Novello on Wikipedia](#). There are at least 12 melodies for the same text by [Father Frederick Faber](#) (1814-1863)
3. Work on copywork/verse illustrations. Additional verses [here](#).
4. Younger students: Optional [coloring page](#)

Week 4

1. [Sing along and learn](#) the rest.
2. Read the first Q&A: [What are the characteristics of sacred music?](#) (We're reading one Question at a time.)
3. Read "[Hymns: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know](#)." This article by Jeff Ostroski clearly explains hymn texts, tunes, types, and more!

Copywork

1. Dear Angel ever at my side
How loving must thou be,
To leave thy home in heaven to guide
A little child like me.

2. Thy beautiful and shining face
I see not, though so near;
The sweetness of thy soft low voice
I am too deaf to hear.

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3.I cannot feel thee touch my hand
With pressure light and mild,
To check me, as my mother did
When I was but a child.

4.But I have felt thee in my thoughts
Fighting with sin for me:
And when my heart loves God, I know
The sweetness is from thee.

Vocabulary

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Verse Illustrations

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