

## AS A MOTHER CARES

Refrain: Moderato (♩ = ca. 68)

Soprano/Alto  
(a tempo)

As a moth-er cares for her child, as she loves and nur - tures and

(a tempo)  
Tenor/Bass

guides, so have I, your God, been with you. I have been be-side you all a -

long. I will nev - er for - get my own.

(rit.) rit. last time Fine

Verses

1. Can a moth - er \_\_\_ for - get \_\_\_ her in - fant, turn a -  
2. I have held you \_\_\_ in arms \_\_\_ of mer - cy, as one  
3. For I formed you in the womb of your moth - er, and your

AS A MOTHER CARES, cont. (2)

1. way — from the child of her womb? Yet, if  
 2. lifts an in - fant up to his cheek. Though I  
 3. soul is ful - ly known — to me. Do not

1. she for - gets, — I will nev - er for - get you. On the  
 2. stooped to feed you, you did not know your heal - er. I have  
 3. be a - fraid, — I am with you for - ev - er. In the

1. palms — of my hands I have writ - ten your name.  
 2. fost - ered you with love; my com - pas - sion is great.  
 3. dark - ness of the night I re - main by your side.

*rit.* *D.C.*

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