

386 In 1940 Glenn Miller and His Orchestra introduced "The Nearness of You" It became an immediate hit. Out of all of Carmichael's hits, "The Nearness of You" is his most straightforward love song, a "tender," and "forthright expression of the romantic world in which boys and girls once were wont to dream and dance and gaze and hold hands." These gentle tones make this one of the most heartbreakingly emotional ballads.

# THE NEARNESS OF YOU

FROM THE PARAMOUNT PICTURE ROMANCE IN THE DARK

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MUSIC BY HOAGY CARMICHAEL

The musical score is presented in a single system with five staves. Each staff contains a line of music with guitar chords indicated above the notes. The chords are: F, F#dim7, Gm, E7, F, G#dim7, Gm7, C7, F, A#, F, Fmaj7, F7, A#, C7, F, A#, F, Am7, Gm7, A#, C7, F, Fmaj7, Cm7, F7, A#maj7, A#dim7, A#m, Am7, D7, Gm7, C7, A#m7, D7, Gm7, C7, F7+5, A#maj7, A#dim7, and A#m. The lyrics are: "WHY DO I JUST WITH - ER AND FOR - GET ALL RE - SIS - TANCE WHEN YOU AND YOUR MAG - IC PASS BY? MY HEART'S IN A DITH - ER, DEAR, WHEN YOU'RE AT A DIS - TANCE, BUT WHEN YOU ARE NEAR, OH MY! IT'S NOT THE PALE MOON THAT EX - CITES ME, THAT THRILLS AND DE - LIGHTS ME. OH, NO IT'S JUST THE NEAR - NESS OF YOU. IT IS - N'T YOUR SWEET CON - VER - SA - TION THAT BRINGS THIS SEN - SA - TION. OH,"

Am7 G#7 Gm7 C7 F6 A#7 Fmaj7

NO IT'S JUST THE NEAR-NESS OF YOU. WHEN YOU'RE IN MY

Gm7 C7b9 Fmaj7 F7 Cm7 F7

ARMS AND I FEEL YOU SO CLOSE TO ME, ALL MY

Gm7 Bm7b5 Am7 D7 Gm7 D#7 Gm7 C7

WILD - EST DREAMS COME TRUE. I NEED NO

Fmaj7 Cm7 Cm7 Gm7 A#dim7

SOFT LIGHTS TO EN - CHANT ME IF YOU'LL ON - LY GRANT ME THE

Am7 G#7 Gm7 C7 Am7b5

RIGHT TO HOLD YOU EV - ER SO TIGHT,

D7b9 Gm7 C7 C7sus C7

AND TO FEEL IN THE NIGHT THE NEAR - NESS OF

F Dm7 Gm7 C7 F A# A#m F6

YOU. IT'S NOT THE YOU.