

By and By (Rexford)

Words: Eben Rexford, 1871.

Music: Philip Bliss.

By and by we shall know Jesus, by and by, oh, by and by;
Even now He looks and sees us, journeying toward His home on high.
And He smiles upon us, saying, "By and by, oh, by and by,
Cares and trials you'll be laying with your earthly garments by."

Refrain

Oh by and by, oh sing it softly,
Thinking not of earthly care,
But the by and by of heaven
Waiting for us over there.

By and by we shall be standing, by and by, oh, by and by,
At fair heaven's shining landing, while the river murmurs by,
And our friends will round us gather, by and by, oh, by and by,
Saying "Welcome, for the Father loves to have His children nigh."

Refrain

By and by! we say it gently, looking on our peaceful dead,
And we do not think of earth life, but of heaven's sweet life instead.
By and by we all shall gather, by and by, oh, by and by,
In the life of God our Father that shall know no by and by.

Refrain