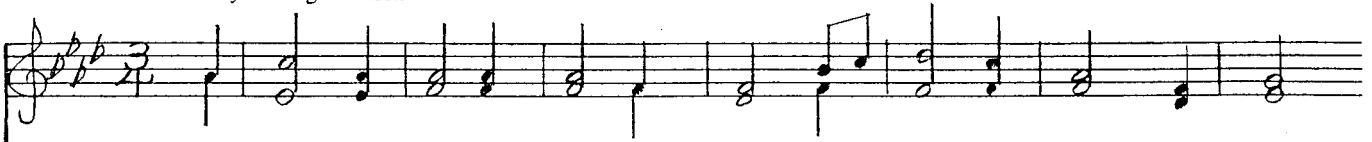


O LINGER, LORD, AS EVENING NEARS

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Tune: PRESENCE
8.6.8.6.(D)

may be sung in unison



1. O ling - er, Lord, as eve - ning nears, And dim - ly grows the light,
2. O ling - er, Lord, in deep of night When scenes and sounds are blurred
3. O ling - er, Lord, in mid - night hour, When life must slip a - way,



When sub - tle sounds the pil - grim hears - Small voi - ces chant - ing night;
And pil - grim longs for once - clear sight And truths once keen - ly heard;
To bathe the pil - grim in God's power To face the loss of day;



Yes, ling - er, Lord, the pil - grim pleads As dark - ness comes a - pace,
Yes, ling - er, Lord, the pil - grim prays, As cha - os rules the night,
Yes, ling - er, Lord, the pil - grim prays, As mor - tal life breaks free,



When once - clear path from sight re - cedes, Thus jour - ney's end to face.
And pic - tures flood the mind of days When life was filled with light.
To help re - mind of bright new days Where night will ney - er be.

