

## **Bethany Joy Lenz**

# **"The Lonliness Is Better Near Now"**

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It's loneliest when you're here  
It's quietly when you're right beside me  
I don't say it to hurt you  
I just miss the touch of his hand

The loneliness is better near now  
Than to satisfy the crave  
The loneliness is better near now  
Than to satisfy the crave, and start all over

But I like fingertips on my face  
The glances I can retrace in my mind  
The holding onto me so I feel it and fall into it  
Chase the memories away  
I know I'm not the same, but I'm wishful  
And I'm strained and strange  
And though I won't complain  
I know I stray, I know I stay

An ocean away  
A woman at bay  
She shoots up a flare and beackons him near  
And the closer you get  
The safer I am  
But the further I run to hide me in the dark and

The loneliness is better near now  
Than to satisfy the crave  
Yes, The loneliness is better near now  
Than to satisfy the crave, and start all over

But I like fingertips on my face  
The glances I can retrace in my mind  
The holding onto me so I feel it and fall into it  
Chase the memories away  
I know I'm not the same

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