

## *When You Were Silent*

*When You were silent, Dear Father above,  
You were testing & refining my faith, commitment & love,*

*Even When I was weary & angry at You,  
You lovingly carried me each day through,*

*You comforted me through Christian brothers & sisters,  
All the time you were speaking to me in whispers,*

*The whispers generally went unheard, far from my ear's view,  
Though I just had to be still & listen to You,*

*You were making me stronger in faith & reliance,  
Though You continued keeping Your Holy silence,*

*The flesh was weak & dependent on You,  
To make me stronger & wiser & get me through,*

*All the day long I called on Your Holy Name,  
Though words failed me, I prayed just the same,*

*You were loving, faithful & true,  
Though silent, You were present, I just knew,*

*And now I am wiser, more faithful, & stronger too,  
So, Thank You Father for being silent but True,*

*For when You were silent, Dear Father above,  
You drew me closer to You with Your Love!*

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