

**Goodnight My Dear Sister**  
(Song is in open D)

**Traditional Bahamian Hymn**  
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2 4 2 0 1 2 0 2  
Goodnight my dear sister, won't you lay and take your rest

4 5 4 2 0 1 1 1  
Lay your head down upon our Savior's breast

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Well I do love you, but Jesus loves you the best

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And I bid you goodnight, goodnight, goodnight

Goodnight my dear brother, won't you lay and take your rest  
Lay your head down upon our Savior's breast  
Well I do love you, but Jesus loves us the best  
And I bid you goodnight, goodnight, goodnight

I was walking in Jerusalem just like John-- good night  
Not a preacher not a poet going to knock me down-- good night  
I remember quite well, I remember quite well-- good night  
----- I bid you goodnight

I'll see you in the morning in the bright early dawn  
Let the crickets and their singing move you along  
Wait for the Lord, (and) keep his way.  
Rejoice in the coming of another day!

Last couplet departs from Psalm 23 & Revelations 13 & substitutes Psalm 37:34 (also translated Hope in & Wait on) plus Robert's last line. Earliest version, a "lowering song" *The Christian's Good Night*, Sarah Doudney, Psalms of Life, 1871. Call and response singing, especially in "Revival Meetings" was often included in the tune using various Bible verses.