

# The Next Best Thing

for my dear friend, Irene

Fletcher Clark

Do the NEXT BEST THING. Do the NEXT BEST THING.

THING. What-e-ver else \_\_\_ you may do to-day, \_\_\_ be

sure to do the NEXT BEST THING. *Fine* repeat last chorus

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1. When I am lost \_\_\_ and the road is un-sure, \_\_\_ I pray for light from a-bove.  
2. When I am down \_\_\_ and the day is too long, \_\_\_ I pray that I might a-bide. \_\_\_  
3. When I am blue \_\_\_ and the skies are all gray, \_\_\_ I pray for some-one to love. \_\_\_

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— Bear-ing the cost \_\_\_ for me to en-dure \_\_\_ in the  
— Rol-ling a-long, \_\_\_ a sim-pl-er song, \_\_\_ like the  
— Pay-ing my due \_\_\_ for just one more day, \_\_\_ for the

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warmth of my Sweet Lord's love. Do the NEXT BEST  
o - cean \_\_\_ with its tide.  
peace of a snow white dove.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the song 'The Next Best Thing' by Fletcher Clark. It is written in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of five systems of music. The first system (measures 1-3) starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and A4. Chords G and Bm7 are indicated above the first two notes. A repeat sign follows. The second system (measures 4-7) continues the melody with quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and A4, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and A4. Chords Em, Em, D, C, and D are indicated above the notes. The third system (measures 8-10) features quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and A4, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and A4. Chords C, C, D, G, C, G, and C are indicated above the notes. The fourth system (measures 11-13) contains three verses of lyrics. The fifth system (measures 14-16) continues the melody with quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and A4, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and A4. Chords G, C, G, and G are indicated above the notes. The sixth system (measures 17-20) concludes the piece with quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and A4, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and A4. Chords D7, G, C, G, G, and Bm7 are indicated above the notes. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.