What Will Your Answer Be - song lyrics

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What Will Your Answer Be?
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Written by Steve Leggett Composed by Albert Perry.

Two fond young lovers are parting, he has to cross o'er the sea;
Maybe they're parting forever, quite broken-hearted is she!
He has resolved to seek fortune in a far, far distant land;
Listen to what he is saying, as they are clasped band in band:

Chorus.
What will your answer be when I come back again?
Will it be "yes" or "no?" Will it mean joy or pain?
Tho' I must leave you now, tho' I must cross the sea,
Farewell, my sweet-when next we meet, what will your answer be?

Will you be constant, my darling when I am far. far away?
Think of me sometimes, my sweetheart, when at your bedside you pray!
Though I must leave you, my loved one. to battle the world's weary strife:
When I come back, love, to claim you, and ask you to be my wife- Chorus.

Good-bye again then, my angel: God keep you constant and true,
Tim' many miles are between us, you'll know I'm thinking of you.
Farewell, my darling, God bless you! Say you'll be constant to me;
When I ask, love, on returning, what will your answer be?- Chorus.