

HYMN

Be thou my vision

Unison

Capo 1:

D G D Em A D Bm⁷ Em⁷ D
 1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, be thou my true word,
 3 Be thou my breast - plate, my sword for the fight,
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 5 High King of heav - en, thou heav - en's bright Sun,
 naught be all else to me save that thou art;
 thou ev - er with me and I with thee, Lord;
 3 thou my whole ar - mour and thou my true might;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 grant me its joys af - ter vic - tory is won;
 thou my best thought in the day and the night -
 thou my great Fa - ther and I thy true son -
 3 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my strong tower:
 thou and thou on - ly the first in my heart;
 heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
 wak - ing and sleep - ing, thy pres - ence, my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 3 raise thou me heaven - ward, great power of my power.
 sov - ereign of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 be thou my vi - sion, O rul - er of all.

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 Tune: Irish traditional melody; harm. David Evans, 1927

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