

Be Thou My Vision (Blue Hymnal, #83)

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Words: Ancient Irish

Music: Trad. Irish Melody

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[CHORDS]

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[INTRO]

| D | Bm | G | D |

[VERSE 1]

D	Bm	G	D						
Be	Thou	my	Vis-ion, O	Lord	of	my	heart;		
A		G	A						
Naught	be	all	else	to	me,	save	that	Thou	art:
Bm	G	D	G	A					
Thou	my	best	thought,	by	day	or	by	night,	
D	Bm	G	D						
Wak-ing	or	sleap-ing,	Thy	pres-ence	my	light.			

[VERSE 2]

Be Thou my Wis-dom, and Thou my true Word;
I ev-er with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord:
Thou my great Fa-ther, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwell-ing, and I with Thee one.

[VERSE 3]

Rich-es I heed not, nor man's emp-ty praise
Thou mine in-her-i-tance now and al-ways:
Thou and Thou on-ly, first in my heart
High King of heav-en, my trea-sure Thou art.

[VERSE 4]

High King of heaven, my vic-to-ry won,
May I reach heav-en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,
Still be my Vis-ion, O Rul-er of all.

HIS CARE, GUIDANCE, PRESENCE

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I have set the LORD always before me. Psalm 16:8

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2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Thou in - me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
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