

Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with piano accompaniment in the bass staff. The score is divided into three systems, each with five numbered verses. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: Eb, Ab, Cm, Eb, Bb in the first system; Bb, Cm, Bb, Ab, Cm in the second system; and Eb, Ab, Eb, Cm, Fm, Eb in the third system. The lyrics are color-coded to match the chords: green for Eb, red for Ab, blue for Cm, magenta for Bb, and pink for Fm.

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; be all else but
2. Be thou my wis - dom, be thou my true word; be thou ev - er
3. Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight, be thou my whole
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, be thou my in -
5. High King of heav - en, thou heav - en's bright Sun, O grant me its

1. naught to me, save that thou art: be thou my best thought in the
2. with me, and I with thee, Lord: be thou my great Fa - ther, thy
3. ar - mour, be thou my true might, be thou my soul's shel - ter, be
4. her - i - tance now and al - ways: be thou and thou on - ly the
5. joy af - ter vic - t'ry is won; great Heart of my own heart, what -

1. day and the night, both wak - ing and sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
2. child let me be, be thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
3. thou my strong tower, O raise thou me heav'n - ward, great Power of my power.
4. first in my heart, O Sov - reign of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
5. ev - er be - fall, still be thou my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Inspiration: "Rop tú mo Baile"; traditional Irish; translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne, in "Ériu", 1905.

Lyrics: 10.11.11.11 dactylic; Eleanor Henrietta Hull, 1860-1935, in "Poem Book of the Gael", 1912.

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