

Be Thou my Vision

Music, Traditional
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D A G

5 D A G

9 D² Asus⁴ G² D²
Be thou my vis - ion O Lord of my heart,

13 A Bm⁷ G² Asus⁴
nought be all else to me save that thou art,

17 G Bm G
Thou my best thought in the day and the night

21 D/F# Bm⁷ G² D²
Wak - ing or sleep - ing thy pres - ence my light.

25 A G 1.2.3.4. 5. G D²

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
 I ever with thee and thou with my Lord;
 Thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
 Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
 Be thou my armour, and be thou my might;
 Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower:
 Raise thou me heavenward, O pow'r of my pow'r.

4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
 Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
 Thou and thou only the first in my heart,
 High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. High King of heaven, when the battle is done,
 Grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my vision, O ruler of all.