

Be Thou My Vision

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Ancient Irish poem, c. 8th cent.

Traditional Irish melody



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. *Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;*
3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;
4. *Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,*
5. 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;
be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
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 my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r:
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.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.