

"Be Thou My Vision"

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Psalm 73:24-26 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

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,

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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!

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Thou my best thought by day or my 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,

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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.

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