

# Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.

Tr. by Mary E. Byrne 1905, Versified by Eleanor H. Hull 1912

Traditional Irish melody

Arr. by David Evans, 1927

Hymn Tune: SLANE

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,  
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er with thee and  
3. Be thou my batt - le shieldsword for my fight; be thou my dig - ni - ty,  
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in - her - i - tance,  
5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach heav - en's joys,

save that thou art. thou my best thought by day or by  
thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true  
thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high  
now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly first in my  
O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what - ey - er be -

night; wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.