

## 545. Be thou my vision

Concert key: E major (different to printed book)

Chords key: E major (concert)

Structure: 5 verses

### *Verse 1:*

E

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,

B

A

B

Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;

A

E/G<sup>#</sup>

E

A

be thou my best thought in the day and the night,

E

C<sup>#</sup>m<sup>7</sup>

A

E

both waking and sleeping thy presence my light.

### *Verse 2:*

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

### *Verse 3:*

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

### *Verse 4:*

Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart:  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

### *Verse 5:*

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish, 8th century

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