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 vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my best thought by day or by night, wakening or sleeping, thy presence my light.
3. Be thou my battle shieldword for my fight; be thou my dignity, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine in her i-tance, thou art me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
5. High King of heav'n, my victory won, may I reach heav'n's joys, High King of heav'n, my trea-sure thou art.

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