

**Be Thou My Vision** TIS 547 – **Tune: Slane**

1. Be thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me,  
save that thou art  
thou my best thought  
by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping,  
thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom,  
be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee  
and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father,  
thy child let me be;  
thou in me dwelling,  
and I one with thee.
3. Be thou my armour,  
my sword for the fight,  
be thou my dignity,  
thou my delight;  
thou my soul's shelter  
and thou my high tower:  
raise thou me heavenward,  
O Power of my power.
4. Riches I scorn  
and the world's empty praise,  
thou my inheritance,  
now and always:  
thou and thou only  
the first in my heart;  
high King of heaven,  
my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven,  
after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
still be my vision,  
O ruler of all.

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**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer** TIS 569

**Tune: Cwm Rhondda**

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the living waters flow:  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

*William Williams 1717-91*

*tr. Peter Williams 1722-96 and William Williams 1717-91*

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**I heard the voice of Jesus say** TIS 585 **Tune: Kingsfold**

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one  
stoop down and drink and live.'  
I came to Jesus and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived'  
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.

*Horatius Bonar 1808-89 alt.*

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**Joyful, joyful, we adore you** TIS 152 Tune: **Ode to Joy**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, God of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.
  
2. All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heav'n reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
singing bird and flowing fountain  
call to praise you joyfully.
  
3. You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest.  
You our Father, Christ our brother,  
all are yours who live in love;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to your joy above.

Henry Van Dyke 1852-1933 *alt.*

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