

BE THOU MY VISION

Words: Irish, 8th century
tr. Mary Byrne, versified E. Hull

Slane
Irish folk melody
arranged by John Rutter

Gentle and reflective - rather freely ($\text{♩} = \text{c. } 80$)

*SOPRANOS
p quasi lontano *cresc.*

1. Be thou my vi-sion, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me,
7 *mp* *cresc.* *mf dolce*
save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in the day and the
12 *mp* *p*
night, Both wa-king and sleep-ing, thy pre-sence my light.

HARP or PIANO

(tempo rubato)

17 *p* *mf* *mp* *mp*
Pno: *Red.*

A (a tempo più giusto)

TENORS and BASSES *p* *mp*

2. Be thou my wis-dom, be thou my true word, Be

dim. *ten.* *p* *mp* *mf* *mp*

*Or soprano and alto semi-chorus

28

thou ev - er with me, and I with thee, Lord; Be thou my - great

34

Fa - ther, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwell - ing, and

40

I with thee one.

45

3. Be thou my - breast-plate, my - sword for - the fight; Be -

51

cresc. *f* *mf* *f*

thou my_ whole ar - mour, be thou my true might; Be

56

dim. *mf*

thou my_ soul's shel - ter, be thou my strong tower: O

61

cresc. *f*

raise thou me hea - ven - ward, great Power of my power.

66

f *mf* *dim.* *mp*

71 C

mp *Mm.* *Mm.*

unis. mp

4. Rich-es I— heed not, nor- man's emp- ty praise: Be- thou mine in - he - ri - tance

C

p *Mm.* *Mm.*

77

Mm. *Mm.*

now and al - ways; Be thou and thou on-ly the first in my heart: O

83

dim. *p*

dim. *p*

Sov-'reign of hea - ven, my- trea- sure thou art.

mp

89 D *SOPRANOS *mp* *cresc.*

5. High King of_ hea-ven, thou hea-ven's bright

95 *mf*

Sun, O_ grant me its joys af - ter vic - t'ry is

100 *dim.*

won; Great Heart of_ my_ own heart, what - ev - er be -

105 *p* *dim.* *pp*

-fall, Still be thou my vi - sion, O_ Ru-ler of all.

111 *p* *pp* *rit.*

*Or soprano and alto semi-chorus