Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
3. Rich es I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall.

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.