

for Dr Paul Thomas and the Oratorio Choir of St Michael and All Angels' Church, Dallas, Texas

Be thou my vision

Original text c.8th century

Tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)

Versified Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

JOHN RUTTER

Slow and calm, with a steady pulse ♩ = c.56

ORGAN

p legato

Ped.

5 SOPRANOS and ALTOS *unis. p unhurried*

1. Be thou my_ vi - sion, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but

8 *cresc. mp*

naught to me, save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in the day and the

11 *p*

night, Both wak-ing and sleep-ing, thy pres-ence my light.

A

14 *unis. mp*

S. A. *mp*

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

T. B. *mp*

mp

17

cresc. mf

with me, and I with thee, Lord, Be thou my great Fa-ther, and I thy true

cresc. mf

cresc. mf

20

mp **B**

son; Be thou in me dwell-ing, and I with thee one.

mp **B**

(unis.) mf

3. Be thou my

23

T. B.

breast-plate, _____ my sword for the fight; _____ Be thou my whole ar - mour, be thou my true

mf

26

S. A.

unis. mf

Be thou my soul's shel-ter, be thou my strong tow-er:— O

T. B.

f

might; *mf*

f dim. mf

29

raise thou me hea-ven-ward, great Pow - er of my pow-er. _____

f

cresc. f

33 C Poco rubato $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

p

4. Rich - es I heed not, nor

p

C Poco rubato $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

mf dim. *mp dim.* *p*

37 *mp cresc.*

man's emp - ty praise: Be thou mine in - he - ri - tance

mp cresc.

p

(Ped.)

40 *mf* *f*

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

mf *f*

mf

Man.

45 *dim.* *mf* *rall.* *mp* *a tempo*

heart: _____ O Sov - 'reign of hea - ven, my

f *dim.* *mf* *rall.* *a tempo*

(Ped.)

49 *dim.* *ten.* **D** *p*

trea - sure_ thou art.

dim. *ten.* *p*

D *p dolce espress.* *cresc.*

52 *unis. mp*

5. High King of hea - ven, thou hea - ven's bright Sun, O grant me its

unis. mp

mp

55

mf *f*

joys af-ter vic-t'ry is won; Great Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-

58

mf *unis.* *mp*

-fall, Still be thou my vi-sion, O Rul-er of all, Still be thou my

61

rall. *unis.* *p* *p* *dim.* *pp*

O Rul-er of all. vi-sion, O Rul-er of all,

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