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;
3. Be thou my battle shieldword for my fight; be thou my dignity,
   thou my best thought by day or by
   thou my soul's shelter, thou my high
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance,
   thou and thou on my delight,
5. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys,
   O bright heaven's Sun!

O Heart of my own heart, what ever be -
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Rul -er, I thy true
night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
son; thou in me dwell -ing, and I with thee one.
tow'r: raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
fall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.