

# 970 Be thou my vision

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FIRST TUNE

Irish melody, harmony by Erik Routley (1917-82)

Capo 3: C Eb F Ab G Bb C Eb F A G Bb C Eb

1. Be thou my — vi - sion, O — Lord of my heart,  
 2. Be thou my — wis - dom, be — thou my true Word;  
 3. Be thou my — breast - plate, my sword for the fight;

naught be all else to me save that thou art;  
 I e - ver with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
 be thou my ar - mour, and be thou my might,

thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
 thou my great Fa - ther, and I thy true son;  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower,

wa - king or slee - ping, thy — pre - sence my light.  
 thou in me dwel - ling, and — I with thee one.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O power of my power.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
 thou mine inheritance through all my days;  
 thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,  
 high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

5 High King of heaven, when battle is done,  
 grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun;  
 Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Irish, c.8th C, tr. Mary Byrne (1881-1931),  
 versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*