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Abide with me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word,
But as Thou dwell'st with Thy disciples, Lord
Familiar, condescending, patient, free.
Come not to sojourn, but abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,
And though rebuking, thou and rebukers meanwhile,
Thou hast noticed me, oft as I left Thee.
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
I have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Henry Francis Lyte 1843

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THEME

Molto Tranquillo ♩ = 80

Words: Henry Francis Lyte 1843

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pp

A - bide with me! Fast falls the e - ven - tide,

A - bide with me! Fast falls the e - ven - tide,

A - bide with me! Fast falls the e - ven - tide,

A - bide with me! Fast falls the e - ven - tide,

5

The dark - ness dee - pens Lord with me a - bide!

The dark - ness dee - pens Lord with me a - bide!

The dark - ness dee - pens Lord with me a - bide!

The dark - ness dee - pens Lord with me a - bide!

9

When o - ther help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
When o - ther help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
When o - ther help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
When o - ther help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,

13

Help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me!
Help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me!
Help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me!
Help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me!

Var. I

Largo ($\text{♩} = 40$)

pp

Swift to it's close ebbs out life's litt - le day;

Swift to it's close ebbs out life's litt - le day;

Swift to it's close ebbs out life's litt - le day;

Swift to it's close ebbs out life's litt - le day;

pp

Earth's joys grow dim, it's glo - ries pass a -

Earth's joys grow dim, it's glo - ries pass a -

Earth's joys grow dim, it's glo - ries pass a -

Earth's joys grow dim, it's glo - ries pass a -

14

way;
Change and de - cay in all a -
way;
Change and de - cay in all a -
way;
Change and de - cay in all a -
way;

20

round I see, O Thou who chan - gest
round I see, O Thou who chan - gest
round I see, O Thou who chan - gest
round I see,

25

not, a - bide with me. a - bide

not, a - bide with me. a - bide

not, a - bide with me.

not, a - bide with me. a - bide

32

with me.

with me.

with me.

with me.

Var. II

Molto Moderato (♩ = 40)

p

Not a brief glance, not a brief glance, I beg, a passing word,

Not a brief glance, not a brief glance, I beg, I beg, I

Not a brief glance, not a brief glance, I beg, I beg, I

Not a brief glance, I beg, not a passing

p

beg, a passing word, But as Thou, but

But as Thou dwell'st with, But as Thou, but

beg, a passing word, But as Thou, but

word, But as

9

as Thou dwell'st with Thy dis cip - les, Lord,

as Thou dwell'st with Thy dis cip - les, Lord,

as Thou dwell'st with Thy dis cip - les, Lord,

Thou dwell'st with Thy dis - ci - ples, Lord, Fa - mi -

13

p mi - liar, con - des-cen - ding pa - tient, free,

p Fa - mi - liar, con - des-cen - ding pa - tient,

p Fa - mi - liar, con - des-cen - ding pa - tient, free,

liar, Fa - mi - liar, con - de - scen - ding, pa - tient,

passionato

17

free, free, free, free,
Come, Come, Come, Come,
free, free, free, free,

22

not so-journ, come, come
not to so-journ, but a -
come, not to so-journ, but a -
come, not to so-journ, but a -
come, not to so-journ, but a -

27

- bide, a - bide, a - bide,
- bide, a- bide, a - bide,
-bide, a-bide, a - bide, Come, com- not so journ, Come,
but a - bide,

32

rit.

poco più lento

come not, come,
not, come
— come
not, come
not, come
not, come
not, come
not, come

36

A musical score for voice and piano. The vocal part is in soprano clef, and the piano part is in bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The music consists of three staves of four measures each. The lyrics are: "not to so - journ, but a - bide, a - bide with". The piano part has a dynamic marking of **pp** (pianissimo) at the beginning of the third staff. The vocal line ends with a long note on the word "a -".

not to so - journ, but a - bide, a - bide with
not to so - journ, but a - bide, a - bide with
not to so - journ, but a - bide, a - bide with
come_____ not to so - journ_____ but_____ a -

39

A musical score for voice and piano, continuing from system 36. The vocal part is in soprano clef, and the piano part is in bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The music consists of three staves of four measures each. The lyrics are: "me. a - - bide with me. a - - bide with me. bide, a - bide with me.". The piano part features sustained notes and rests, creating a harmonic background.

me. a - - bide with me. a - - bide with me.
me. a - - bide with me. a - - bide with me.
bide, a - bide with me.

Var. III

Andante molto Tranquillo

♩ = 80

Thou on my head in

p

Thou on my head in ear-ly youth, _____ in ear-ly, in ear-ly youth, in

p

Thou on my head in ear-ly youth, _____ in ear-ly in ear-ly youth, in

ear-ly youth didst smile, in ear-ly youth didst smile, didst smile, in ear-ly youth,

ear-ly youth didst smile, in ear-ly youth didst smile, didst smile,

Thou on my

ear-ly youth in ear-ly youth didst smile, Thou on my head in ear-ly,

in ear-ly youth, in ear-ly youth, in ear-ly youth,

in ear-ly, in ear-ly youth, in ear-ly youth, in ear-ly youth,

head in ear-ly youth didst smile,

in ear-ly youth, And through re -

10

And through re - bel - lious
And through re - bel - lious and per -
verse And through re - bel - lious and
bel - lious, through re - bel - lious and per -
verse And through re - bel - lious and

and per - verse mean - while, mean - while, And through re -
— per - verse mean - while, per - verse - mean - while,
per - verse mean - while,

15

and through re - and through re - bel - lious, And through re - bel - lious and,
and through re - and through re - bel - lious, And through re - bel - lious and per - verse,
And though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean -
and through re - bel - lious, and through re - bel - lious,

18

and per-verse mean - while,
and per-verse mean - while,
and per-verse mean - while,
Thou hast not left me,
while,
while,
and, and per-verse, and per- verse mean-while, Thou hast not left

21

Thou hast not left me, oft as I left thee, Thou hast not left me,
Thou hast not left me, Thou hast not left me,
Thou hast not left me, Thou hast not left me,

24

me, Thou hast not, Thou hast not left me, Thou hast not left me,
Thou hast not, Thou hast not left me, Thou hast not left me, oft as
left me, oft as I left thee
Thou hast not left me, Thou hast not left me, Thou hast not left me, oft as

27

oft as I left thee, oft as, oft as I____ oft as I left

I, oft as I left, oft as I left

as, oft as I____ left oft as I____ left thee,

37

On to the close, O Lord, a - bide,
close, O Lord, a - bide,
On to the close, O Lord, a - bide,

On to the close, O Lord, a - bide,
On to the close, O Lord, a - bide,
On to the close, O Lord, a - bide,

O Lord, a - bide,

senza tempo recitando
Solo

41

O Lord,a-bide with me, a - bide with me,
O Lord,a-bide with me,
colla parte
a-bide with me.
a bide with me.
colla parte
bide with me.
colla parte
a Tempo
Tutte
O Lord, a - bide, a bide with me.

46

O Lord, a - bide,
O Lord, a - bide,
O Lord, a - bide,
O Lord, a - bide
O Lord, a - bide
O Lord, a - bide
O Lord,

49

rit.
p pp
O Lord, a - bide, a - bide, a - bide with me. a - bide with me. a - bide with me.
p pp
O Lord, a - bide with me. a - bide with me. a - bide with me.
p pp
a - bide with me. a - bide with me.
O Lord, a - bide with me. a - bide with me.

Var. IV

Fluido ($\text{♩} = 74$)

6

8 I need Thy pre - - - sence e - very pas -

7 I need Thy pre - - - sence e - very pas -

8 sing hour e - very

12 I need Thy pre - sence e - very pas - sing hour,

12 I need Thy pre - sence e - very pas - sing hour,

8 pas - - - sing hour, What but Thy

What but Thy

18

grace can foil the temp - grace can foil the temp -

22

p
What but Thy grace can foil the temp-ter's power?*p*
What but Thy grace can foil the temp-ter's power? *mf*- ters power can foil the temp-ter's power? Who *mf*
ter power? the temp-ter's power? Who

27

— like Thy self my guide, my guide

— like Thy self my guide, my guide

— like Thy self my guide, my guide

32

p

Who, like Thy - self, my guide and stay can

p

Who, like Thy - self, my guide and stay can

8 and stay can be?

and stay can be?
et de

36

be?
be?

mf

Through
mf
cloud and sun shine,

Through
cloud and sun shine,

*Am
info*

40

p

Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a -

p

Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a -

Lord, a - bide with me. Lord, a - bide

Lord, a - bide with me. Lord, a - bide

44

bide with me.

bide with me.

a - bide with me

a - bide with me.

mf

Lord, a - bide with me. Lord, a - bide

mf

Lord, a - bide with me. Lord, a - bide

52

mf

a - bide with me.

mf

a - bide with me.

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Var. V Minore
Lento ($\text{♩} = 40$)

p

I no foe, I fear no foe, with;
fear foe, with;
I no foe, I fear no foe, with;
I no foe, with;
Thy at

9

Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight;
Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight;
Thy at hand to bless; Ills have no weight;
hand to bless; Ills have no weight and

14

and tears no bit - ter - ness. Where,

and tears no bit - ter - ness. Where,

and tears no bit - ter - ness. Where,

— tears no bit - ness. Where, Where,

19

is sting? is death's sting?

Where death's sting? Where is death's sting?

is sting? Where is death's sting?

is sting? Where is death's sting?

death's sting? Where, where is death's sting?

26

Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry? I tri - umph

Where grave, thy vic - to - ry? I tri - umph

Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry? I I

Where, where, grave, thy vic - to - ry? I tri -

30

still, if bide with me.

still, if bide, a - bide, a - bide with me.

tri - umph still, if Thou a - bide with me.

umph still, if Thou a - bide with me.

Var. VI

Largo Maestoso (♩ = 74)

ff

Hold Thou, Hold Thou Thy cross be- fore, be - fore my

ff

Hold Thou, Hold Thou Thy cross be- fore, be - fore my

ff

Hold Thou, Hold Thou, Hold Thou Thy cross be- fore, be - fore my

ff

Hold Thou, Hold Thou, Hold Thou Thy cross,

7

clo - sing eyes, Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clo-sing eyes, shine

f

clo - sing eyes, Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clo-sing eyes, shine

f

clo - sing eyes, Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clo-sing eyes, shine

f

clo - sing eyes, Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clo-sing eyes, shine

ff

Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clo-sing eyes,

13

— through the gloom and point me, point me through—
— through the gloom and point me, point me through—
— through the gloom and point me. point me, point me through—

f

shine, point me, point me

18

— the skies, Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies, to the skies, Heaven's—
— the skies, Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. to the skies, Heaven's—

ff

— the skies, Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. to the skies, Heaven's—

ff

Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies, skies,

24

mor - ning breaks, and earth's
 mor - ning breaks, and earth's
 mor - ning breaks, and earth's vain sha dows sha dows flee, and earth's
 Heavens mor - ning breaks, sha dows flee, and

29

vain sha dows flee, Heaven's mor-ning breaks, and earth's vain sha-dows
 vain sha dows flee, Heaven's mor-ning breaks, and earth's vain sha-dows
 vain sha-dows flee, Heaven's mor-ning breaks, and earth's vain sha-dows
 earth's vain sha-dows flee, Heaven's mor-ning breaks, and earth's vain sha-dows

34

f

flee, In life, in death, in life, in life, in death, O Lord, in

f

flee, In life, in death, in life, in life, in death, O Lord, in

f

flee, In life, in death, in death, in life, in life, in life, in death, O Lord, in

f

flee,

f

in death, in life, in life, in life, in death, O Lord,

Poco Agitato

f sempre

death, O Lord, a - bide, a bide with me, O Lord, O Lord, a -

f sempre

death, O Lord, a - bide, a bide with me, O Lord, O Lord, a -

f sempre

death, O Lord, a - bide, a bide with me, O Lord, O Lord, a -

f sempre

death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

f sempre

bide with me O Lord, a - bide with me, a - bide with me, a

bide with me O Lord, a - bide with me, a - bide with me, a -

bide with me O Lord, a - bide with me, a - bide with me, a -

bide with me O Lord, a - bide with me, a - bide with me, a -

Lord, _____ O Lord, _____ a - ide with me, _____

Allargando-----

57

bide, a - bide
bide, a - bide
bide, a - bide
— a - bide

a - bide with me,
a - bide with me,
a - bide with me,
a - bide with me,

Largo

64 **f**

a - bide, O Lord, a - bide with me.
a - bide, O Lord, a - bide with me.
a - bide, O Lord, a - bide with me.

f

a - bide, O Lord, a - bide with me.

a - bide, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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