

Abide With Me

Henry F. Lyte (1847)

Piano

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The musical score is written for piano in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and common time (C). It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. The first system contains four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the piece with a double bar line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady accompaniment in the bass.

1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3. I need They pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
Ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness:

When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me!
O Thou, who change - est not, a - bide with me!
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me!
I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!