Be Thou My Vision
Attributed to Dallan Forgaill, 8th Century
Translated from ancient Irish by Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

Ionian Mode (1−5−5)

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
3. Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
4. Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
5. High King of Heaven, my victory won,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
May I reach Heaven’s joys, O bright Heaven’s Sun!

Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Music: Slane (ancient Irish tune)