

ABIDE WITH ME

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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!

Verse 3

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?
Thru cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!

Verse 4

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

Verse 5

Hold Thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine thru 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!