

# 505 Be thou my vision

Unison

Capo 1:

D G D Em A D Bm7 Em7 D

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,  
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,  
 5 High King of heav - en, thou heav - en's bright sun,

A E7 A E F#m D Bm A D A D

naught be all else to me save that thou art;  
 thou ev - er with me and I with thee, Lord;  
 3 thou my whole ar - mour and thou my true might,  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 grant me its joys af - ter vic - tory is won;

G Em Bm F#m A D A Bm A

thou my best thought in the day and the night -  
 thou my great Fa - ther and I thy true son -  
 3 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my strong tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly the first in my heart,  
 heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Bm A Bm D Em Bm G D

wak - ing and sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 3 raise thou me heav - en - ward, great power of my power.  
 sov - ereign of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 be thou my vi - sion, O rul - er of all.

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