Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
   be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
   be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
   be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
   both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
   be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
   be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
   be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
   both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

3. Be Thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight;
   be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
   be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
   be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
   both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
   be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
   be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
   be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
   both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

5. High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
   be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
   be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
   be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
   both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

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