

Abide With Me: fast falls the eventide

Eventide ~ William H. Monk (1861)

text ~ Henry Francis Lyte (1846)

1.A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven tide;
 2.Swift to its close ebbs out the lit - tle day;
 3.I need Thy pres - ence evv - ery pass - ing hour;
 4.Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

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?
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:

When oth - er help - ers in fail, and com - forts flee,
 Change and de - cay in my all, a - round I see:
 Who like Thy - self breaks in my and vain stay I can be?
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks and earth's shadows flee:

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me!
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me!
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me!
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me!

Abide With Me

Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847

1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

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.

3 I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

4 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through 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.

Scripture References:

stanza 1

Luke 24:29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

Ps. 27:9 Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

Stanza 2

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change

Ps. 102:26-27 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded.

Stanza 3

Rom. 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

Stanza 4

Ps. 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

1 Cor. 15:55 Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God!

Stanza 5

2 Pet. 1:19 We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark.