

24. ABIDE WITH ME

A E A D E A
Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
A D Bm B E
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
A E A D2 Bm
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
A F#m D A E A
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

A E A D E A
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
A D Bm B E
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
A E A D2 Bm
Change and decay in all around I see—
A F#m D A E A
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

A E A D E A
I need Thy presence every passing hour;
A D Bm B E
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
A E A D2 Bm
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
A F#m D A E A
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

A E A D E A
I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
A D Bm B E
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
A E A D2 Bm
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
A F#m D A E A
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

A E A D E A
Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
A D Bm B E
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
A E A D2 Bm
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
A F#m D A E A
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.