

ABIDE WITH ME

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1. A - bide with me, fast falls the ev - en - tide;
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3. I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4. Hold Thou Thy Word 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 pow'r?
 dis - pel the gloom, and show the ope - ning skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows 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, Lord, a - bide with me.
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Henry F. Lyte, 1847

"Eventide," William H. Monk, 1861