

Be thou my guardian and my guide

Isaac Williams (1802-65)

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Musical score for the first system, measures 1-9. It features four vocal parts: Soprano [Air], Alto, Tenor, and Bass, along with a Keyboard accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8. A tempo marking of [♩=96] is present above the Soprano staff. The music is written in a single system with five staves.

Musical score for the second system, measures 10-18. It features four vocal parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass, along with a Keyboard accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8. A tempo marking of 10 is present above the Soprano staff. The word 'Symphony' is written above the Soprano staff. The music is written in a single system with five staves.

1. Be Thou my guardian and my guide,
And hear me when I call;
Let not my slippery footsteps slide,
And hold me lest I fall.

2. The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
Around the path I tread;
O, save me from the snares of hell,
Thou Quickener of the dead!

3. And if I tempted am to sin,
And outward things are strong,
Do Thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
And save my soul from wrong.

4. Still let me ever watch and pray,
And feel that I am frail;
That if the tempter cross my way,
Yet he may not prevail.