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1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
   naught be all else to me save that thou art.
   thou my best thought in the day and the night.

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true Word;
   I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
   thou my great Father, and I thy true son;

3. Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;
   be thou my armour, and be thou my might.
   thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,

4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
   thou mine inheritance through all my days;
   waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

5. High King of heaven, when battle is done,
   grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun:
   high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

   Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
   I with thee one.

   still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

   Irish, c.8th C. tr. Mary Byrne (1881–1931),
   versified by Eleanor Hull (1860–1935)

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