Abide with Me

1 Abide with me: fast falls the even - tide;
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need your pres - ence ev - ry pass - ing hour.
4 I fear no foe with you at hand to bless,
5 Hold now your 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 your grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
though ills have weight, and tears their bit - ter - ness.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
Who like your - self my guide and strength can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your vic - to - ry?
Heaven's morn - ing breaks and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
O Lord who chang - es not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if you a - bide with me.
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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