

# Abide With Me

For Choir and String Quartet

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The musical score consists of eight staves. The top four staves are for the choir: Soprano (C-clef), Alto (C-clef), Tenor (C-clef), and Bass (F-clef). The bottom four staves are for the string quartet: Violin 1 (G-clef), Violin 2 (G-clef), Viola (C-clef), and Cello (C-clef). The score begins with a measure of silence, indicated by a fermata over the first measure. The vocal parts enter sequentially: Soprano starts at measure 2, Alto at measure 3, Tenor at measure 4, and Bass at measure 5. The strings provide harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. Measure 1: Fermata over all staves. Measures 2-5: Soprano enters, holding a note. Measures 3-5: Alto enters, holding a note. Measures 4-5: Tenor enters, holding a note. Measures 5-6: Bass enters, holding a note. Measures 6-10: All parts play eighth-note patterns. Measures 11-15: All parts play sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 16-20: All parts play eighth-note patterns.

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8

12

**p** A - bide with me! fast  
Swift to its close ebbs

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**p**

**p**

**p**

**p**

18

falls the e - ven - tide;  
 out life's lit - tle day. The Earth's dark - ness deep - ens. Lord, with me a -  
  
 falls the e - ven - tide;  
 out life's lit - tle day. The Earth's dark - ness deep - ens. Lord, with me a -  
  
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 out life's lit - tle day. The Earth's dark - ness deep - ens. Lord, with me a -  
  
*mf* *p*  
*mf* *p*  
*mf* *p*  
*mf* *p*

24

- bide!  
 - way. When oth - er help - ers fail and com-forts flee,  
  
 - bide!  
 - way. Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
  
 8 - bide!  
 - way. When oth - er help - ers fail and com-forts flee,  
  
 - bide!  
 - way. Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
  
*mf* *p* *mf*  
*mf* *p* *mf*  
*mf* *p* *mf*  
*mf* *p* *mf*

30

Help of the help-less, oh, a - bide with me!  
 O thou who chang-est not, a - bide with me!

Help of the help-less, oh, a - bide with me!  
 O thou who chang-est not, a - bide with me!

8 Help of the help-less, oh, a - bide with me!  
 O thou who chang-est not, a - bide with me!

Help of the help-less, oh, a - bide with me!  
 O thou who chang-est not, a - bide with me!

**p**

**mf**

**p**

**mf**

**p**

**mf**

**p**

**mf**

36

**f<sup>1</sup>** need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing

**f<sup>1</sup>** need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing

8 **f<sup>1</sup>** need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing

**f<sup>1</sup>** need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing

**cresc.**

**f**

**cresc.**

**f**

**cresc.**

**f**

**cresc.**

41

hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?

hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?

hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?

hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?

47

Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?

Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?

Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?

Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?

53

Thru cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me!

Thru cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me!

8 Thru cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me!

Thru cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me!

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