

Father, I know that all my life

Experience of God—Obedience to His Will

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "1. Fa - ther, I know that all my life is por - tioned out for". The second staff starts with a 4 and the lyrics are: "me, And the chang - es that are sure to come I do not fear to". The third staff starts with an 8 and the lyrics are: "see; But I ask Thee for a pre - sent mind in - tent on pleas - ing Thee." The chord symbols are: E, A/E, B, B7/A, E/G#, F#7/A# on the first staff; B, F#m, B7, B7/A, E/G#, A, E/B, B7 on the second staff; E, A, B, B7/A, E/G#, A, F#m, E/B, B7, E, A/E, E on the third staff.

2. I ask Thee for a thoughtful love, through constant watching wise,
To meet the glad with joyful smiles, and to wipe the weeping eyes;
And a heart at leisure from itself, to soothe and sympathize.
3. I would not have the restless will that hurries to and fro,
Seeking for some great thing to do or secret thing to know;
I would be treated as a child, and guided where I go.
4. Wherever in the world I am, in whatso'er estate,
I have a fellowship with hearts to keep and cultivate;
And a work of lowly love to do for the Lord on whom I wait.
5. So I ask Thee for the daily strength, to none that ask denied,
And a mind to blend with outward life while keeping at Thy side;
Content to fill a little space, if Thou be glorified.
6. And if some things I do not ask in my cup of blessing be,
I would have my spirit filled the more with grateful love to Thee,
More careful, not to serve Thee much, but to please Thee perfectly.
7. There are briars besetting every path that call for patient care;
There is a cross in every lot, and an earnest need for prayer;
But a lowly heart that leans on Thee is happy anywhere.
8. In a service which Thy will appoints there are no bonds for me;
For my inmost heart is taught "the truth" that makes Thy children "free"
And a life of self-renouncing love is a life of liberty.