

Be thou my guardian and my guide

Isaac Williams (1802-65)

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Be thou my guardian and my guide". It is arranged for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Keyboard. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The tempo is marked as [♩=96]. The score is divided into two systems. The first system covers measures 1-9, and the second system covers measures 10-18. The Soprano part is marked "[Air]". The Keyboard part provides harmonic support for the vocal parts. The second system is labeled "Symphony" and includes a repeat sign at the end.

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.