

# Abide with Me

## I. Introduction

A. The song *Abide with Me* expresses the desire we should have for the Lord to be with us, and the beauty of the blessings He provides to those who are in fellowship with Him.

**Hymns for Worship, Song 74**

## II. “Abide with Me...”

A. The first verse includes the phrase, “fast falls the even-tide.” This figurative phrase brings to mind how quickly life on earth passes. While those temporal things man tends to cling to will pass, *Jesus* provides lasting blessings. **Song 74, v. 1a; John 9:4**

B. The verse also makes reference to the darkness deepening, and how much we need the Lord in consideration of this.

**Song 74, v. 1b; Colossians 1:13**

C. The verse continues by alluding to Christ’s reliability to be there for His people, even “when other helpers fail, and comforts flee.” **Song 74, v. 1c; 2 Timothy 4:16-17**

D. The verse also notes how He is the “Help of the helpless.” **Song 74, v. 1d; Hebrews 13:5-6**

## III. “Swift to Its Close...”

A. Verse 2 again alludes to the relative brevity of life, which gives us strong reason to cling to One who is eternal.

**Song 74, v. 2a; James 4:14**

B. As the song says, “earth’s joys grow dim,” while the Lord provides *permanent* joy. **Song 74, v. 2b; Hebrews 1:10-12**

C. We might see constant change in the world around us, but our Lord is constant and stable. **Song 74, v. 2c; Hebrews 13:8**

D. This gives us even greater reason to pursue Him whose character is strong, steady, and can be depended on.

**Song 74, v. 2d; James 1:17**

## IV. “I Need Thy Presence...”

A. The third verse begins by noting how we *need* our Lord, and how we need Him *every hour*. **Song 74, v. 3a;**

**Psalm 86:1**

B. Part of the reason we need Him is because He supplies the strength we need to stand against the wiles of the devil. **Song 74, v. 3b; 1 Corinthians 10:13**

C. The verse alludes to the Lord’s unique ability to be our perfect “guide and stay.” **Song 74, v. 3c; Psalm 23:1ff**

D. The final words of the song note how we need the Lord to abide with us through both the good and bad in life.

**Song 74, v. 3d; Philippians 4:12-13**

## V. Conclusion

A. As we reflect on the words of this hymn, we see how much we need the Lord to abide with us, and how wonderful life is when it’s filled with the blessings that only He can provide.

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