

Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
Save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought,
By day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

Verse 2

Be Thou my Wisdom,
And Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father,
I, Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling,
And I with Thee one.

about this hymn:

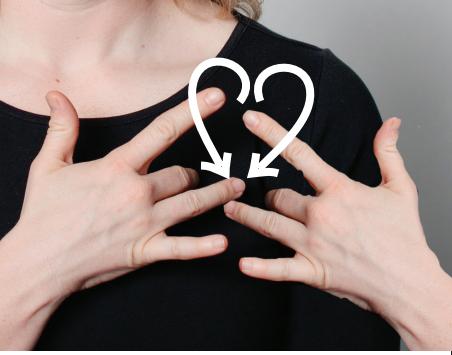
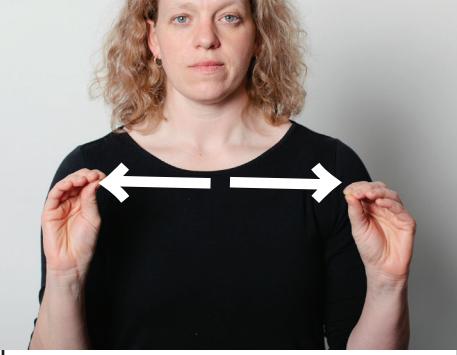
Words: Ancient Irish; tr. Mary E. Byrne Music: Traditional Irish Melody; harm. David Evans

Long ago, a woman named Mary Byrne was thinking about this Bible truth, too. She translated from Irish into English a hymn called "Be Thou My Vision." We're going to learn two verses from it.

God's people want God to be their vision—the one they think about most of all, the one who is the best thing they can think of. They keep thinking about Him, both in a special time of praying and reading...and all through the rest of the day and night. They think about Him and know He is with them. His presence guides them, like a light in darkness. He lives inside their heart, giving them wisdom and showing them what He's like.

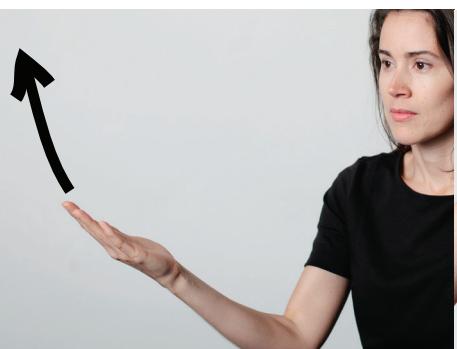
Be Thou My Vision, v.1

PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 10

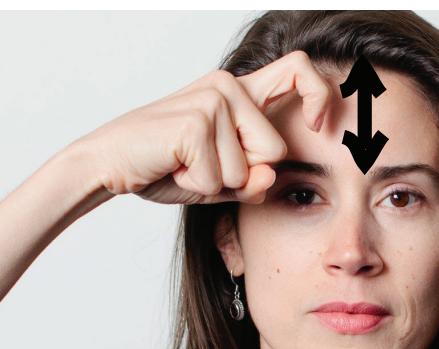
		
<p>Thou Right open hand moves up a short ways from shoulder height.</p>	<p>Vision Index and middle finger of right "V" hand, palm facing in, are placed near eyes then moved forward.</p>	<p>Heart Middle fingers are used to traced out the shape of a heart on upper left chest.</p>
		
<p>Naught (Nothing) "O" hands are held in front of chest, fingers touching and palms facing forward. Simultaneously move both hands apart to each side.</p>	<p>Thought Make down and outward circles with the index finger of each hand near sides of forehead, palms facing in.</p>	<p>Night Left flat hand is held horizontally, palms facing down, fingers pointing right. Curved right hand, palm down and fingers pointing forward is brought down to right on back of left hand, ending with fingers pointing downward.</p>
		
<p>Sleeping Palm side of right open hand is placed in front of face and moved down to below the chin, changing into an "and" hand.</p>	<p>Presence Both slightly curved hands are raised simultaneously, palms facing each other. The right palm stops just short of the left palm, as if a person coming to stand before another person.</p>	<p>Light Hold both hands at chest level, fingertips together. Open hands into "5" hands as they move up and out to the side, palms facing out.</p>

Be Thou My Vision, v.2

PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 11

**Thou**

Right open hand moves up a short ways from shoulder height.

**Wisdom**

Bent finger of right "X" hand is moved up and down several times. Make movement from the wrist.

**Word**

Left middle finger touches right palm, then right middle finger touches left palm. Bring flat hands are held together, palms touching and fingertips pointing forward, then opened with the little fingers still touching as if opening a book. (Signs for Jesus + book)

**With**

"A" hands, knuckles move forward together, away from the chest.

**Lord**

Thumb of right "L" hand, palm facing left. touches left shoulder, then is brought down to touch right hip.

**Father**

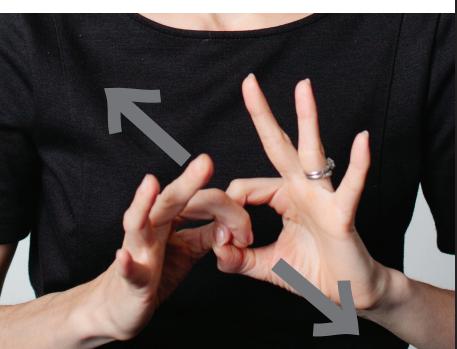
Tap thumb of right "5" hand on forehead a few times.

**True**

Place the right index finger, palm facing left, on lower lip. Move the finger up and then out, making an arc.

**Dwelling**

Upturned thumbs of "A" hands move upward in front of chest in unison.

**One**

Link index fingers and thumbs of both hands, with rest of fingers extended. Move both hands back and forth a few times.

O God, You Are My God

Refrain:

O God, You are my God, earnestly I seek You,
O God, You are my God, earnestly I seek You
My soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
As in a dry and weary land,
Where there is no water.

Verse 1

My soul thirsts for you,
My flesh faints for you,
As in a dry and weary land,
Where there is no water. (repeat) *Refrain*

Verse 2

My soul will be satisfied, as with rich food,
My soul will be satisfied,
And my mouth will praise you. (repeat) *Refrain*

Psalm Sixty-three, one and five.

about this Bible verse:

Words: adapted from Psalm 63:1,5 ESV Music: Constance Dever ©2011

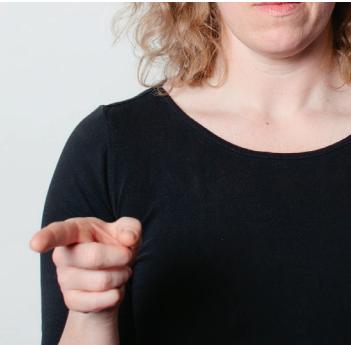
God made our bodies (or flesh) to need water to live. When we go too long without water, such as on a hot summer's day, we get so thirsty that nothing else will do. It's the same with our heart (our soul). God made our heart to need Him. Our hearts long to be satisfied by knowing and loving God. God's people especially know this because His Holy Spirit lives in their heart. They praise God because He satisfies them like nothing else can. God gave us each a heart that desires to know and love Him. When we do know Him, He satisfies us in a way that nothing else can. The more we know Him, the more joy we have.

O God, You Are My God: Psalm 63:1,5

PFI ESV Songs1, Track 12

**God**

Right open hand, palm facing left, is held up above head level then brought down and back in a slight arc, ending with a "B" hand at the upper chest level.

**You**

Point right index finger forward.

**My**

Right "5" hand is placed on chest.

**Earnestly**

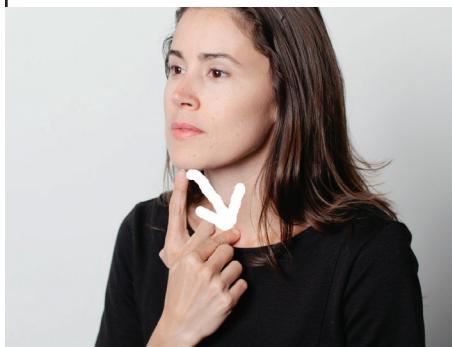
Place the right index finger, palm facing left, on lower lip. Move the finger up and then out, making an arc.

**Seek**

Right "C" hand makes a few circular motions near face from right to left.

**Soul**

Touch the thumbs and index fingers of both "T" hands to each other, right hand above left, palms facing each other. Draw hands apart in an upward motion.

**Thirsts**

Right index finger starts at chin and strokes down throat, ending near base of neck.

**Flesh**

Both flat hands touch body on upper chest then move downward and touch body again.

**Dry**

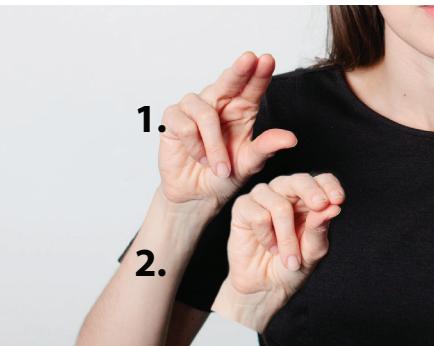
The "X" finger is slid from left to right across lips.

O God, You Are My God: Psalm 63:1,5, cont'd

PFI ESV Songs1, Track 12

**Land**

Thumb and fingers of both hands, palms facing up, are moved back and forth over each other, as if feeling imaginary soil in each hand.

**No**

Both open palms are thrust out and to the left as if pushing something away from one's self.

**Water**

Touch mouth index finger of right W hand a couple times.

**Satisfied**

Both "B" hands are placed against the chest, palms down and with right hand above left hand. Move both down simultaneously a few inches.

**Rich**

Both flat hands are moved in a forward circular motion with palms brushing chest on the inward portion of the circle.

**Food**

Closed right hand touches near mouth several times as if eating.

**Mouth, Lips**

Right index finger points to lips.

**Praise**

Clap the right hand on top of the left hand several times.

**Joyful**

Both flat hands are moved in a forward circular motion with palms brushing chest on the inward portion of the circle.

You Are My God

Refrain:

O God, You are my God,
Earnestly I seek You,
O God, You are my God,
Earnestly I seek You.

Verse 1

My soul thirsts for you,
My flesh faints for you,
As in a dry and weary land,
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Verse 2

My soul will be satisfied,
As with rich food,
My soul will be satisfied,
And my mouth will praise you. (repeat) *Refrain*

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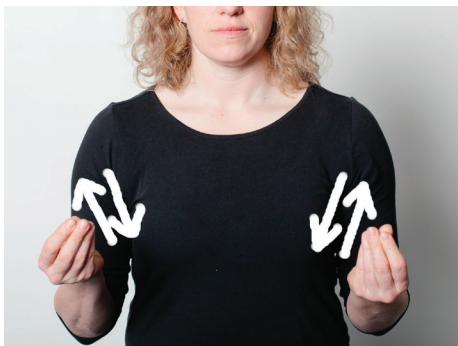
You Are My God: Psalm 63:1,5

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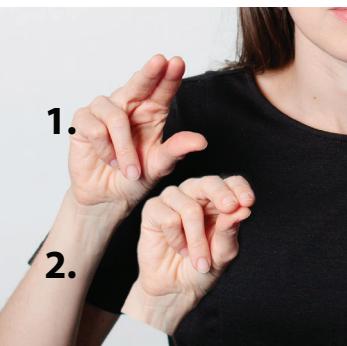
		
God Right open hand, palm facing left, is held up above head level then brought down and back in a slight arc, ending with a "B" hand at the upper chest level.	You Point right index finger forward.	My Right "5" hand is placed on chest.
		
Earnestly Place the right index finger, palm facing left, on lower lip. Move the finger up and then out, making an arc.	Seek Right "C" hand makes a few circular motions near face from right to left.	Soul Touch the thumbs and index fingers of both "T" hands to each other, right hand above left, palms facing each other. Draw hands apart in an upward motion.
		
Thirsts Right index finger starts at chin and strokes down throat, ending near base of neck.	Flesh Both flat hands touch body on upper chest then move downward and touch body again.	Dry The "X" finger is slid from left to right across lips.

You Are My God: Psalm 63:1,5, continued

PFI ESV Songs1, Track 13

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**No**

Both open palms are thrust out and to the left as if pushing something away from one's self.

**Water**

Touch mouth index finger of right W hand a couple times.

**Satisfied**

Both "B" hands are placed against the chest, palms down and with right hand above left hand. Move both down simultaneously a few inches.

**Rich**

Both flat hands are moved in a forward circular motion with palms brushing chest on the inward portion of the circle.

**Food**

Closed right hand touches near mouth several times as if eating.

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Right index finger points to lips.

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Clap the right hand on top of the left hand several times.

**Joyful**

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As a Deer

As a deer longs for streams of water,

So I long for you, O God.

As a deer longs for streams of water,

So I long for you, O God.

I thirst for God,

I thirst for the living God

When can I come and appear before God?

Psalm Forty-two, one and two.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Psalm 42:1-2, HCSB Music: Constance Dever ©2012

A thirsty deer searches for a stream of water to satisfy his thirst. He must have it if he is to live. That's how God made his body. In the same way, our heart (or soul) longs for God because He made us to need Him. We may try to satisfy ourselves with other things, but until we know God, we will still long for something more. That's how He made us. He is the living God and there's nothing in the whole world that we need or want more than Him.

As a Deer: Psalm 42:1-2, HCSB

PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 14

**Deer**

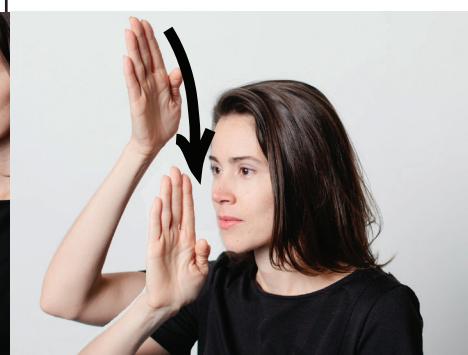
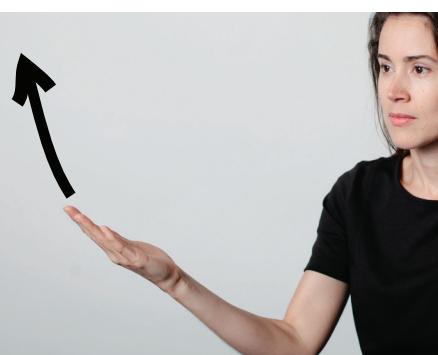
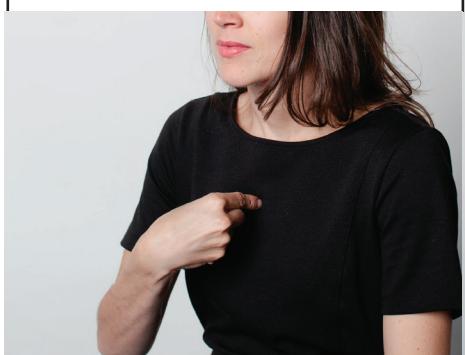
"5" hands, palms up, are placed on each side of head, with thumbs touching head. Simulates antlers.

Longs

Both upturned "5" hands are held side by side in front of chest. Bring both hands in, drawing in the fingers slightly to a grasping position.

Water

Touch mouth index finger of right W hand a couple times.

**I**

Point to self with right index finger.

You (God)

Right open hand moves up a short ways from shoulder height.

God

Right open hand, palm facing left, is held up above head level then brought down and back in a slight arc, ending with a "B" hand at the upper chest level.

**Living**

Upturned thumbs of "A" hands move upward in front of chest in unison.

Come

Move right pointer finger in a slight arc towards self.

Appear Before

Both slightly curved hands are raised simultaneously, palms facing each other. The right palm stops just short of the left palm, as if a person coming to stand before another person.

Be Thou My Vision, vs.1,2

D Em Bm A D A Bm A D A

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me save that Thou art;
2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's em - pt y praise, Thou my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways,

9 G A D A⁷ Bm A

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,

13 Bm A B D Em Bm Em⁷ D

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.

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O God, You Are My God

D A Bm G^{maj7} A D A

6 Bm G^{maj7} A Bm G G^{maj7} A D G

12 Bm G D A Bm A G G^(add9) G G⁶

18 D A G Bm G D A Bm A

24 G G^(add9) G G⁶ D A G A D A

29 Bm G^{maj7} A D A Bm G^{maj7}

34 A Bm G^{maj7} A D G Bm

2
40 G D A Bm A G G^(add9) G G⁶

soul shall be sa - tis - fied, Sa - tis - fied as with rich food, and my mouth will

45 D A G Bm G D A Bm A

praise You. My soul shall be, My soul shall be sa - tis - fied, Sa - tis - fied as

51 G G^(add9) G G⁶ D A D A

with rich food, and my mouth will praise You. O God, you are my

56 Bm Gmaj7 A D A Bm Gmaj7

God, ear - nest - ly I seek You, O God, you are my God, ear - nest - ly I

61 A Bm Gmaj7 A D

seek You, Ear - nest - ly I seek You.

65 G Bm D A D

Psalm Six - ty - three, one and five.

You Are My God

G C G D G D G
 O God, you are my God; ear-nest-ly I seek you; O God, you
 6 C G D G
 are my God; ear-nest-ly I seek you; My soul thirsts for you:—

11 G C G D Em
 my flesh faints for you; As in a dry and wear-y land

15 C D G D G⁶
 where there is no wa-ter, My soul thirsts for you:—

19 C D G D G C
 my flesh faints for you; As in a dry and wear-y land where there is no

24 D G C G D
 wa-ter, O God, you are my God; ear-nest-ly I

29 G D G C G D G
 seek you; O God, you are my God; ear-nest-ly I seek you;

34 D G G⁶ C D
 My soul will be sa-tis-fied, as with rich food

38 G D Em C D

My soul will be sa - tis fied,___ and my mouth will praise you, My soul will be

43 D G G⁶ C D G D Em

sa - tis fied,___ as with rich food My soul will be sa - tis fied,___

48 C D G D G C G

and my mouth will praise you, O God, you are my God;

53 D G D G C G

ear - nest - ly I seek you; O God, you are my God;

57 D G G C D G

ear - nest - ly I seek you!___ Psalm Six - ty - three, one and five.

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6 E♭ B♭ B♭ E♭ B♭ E♭

streams of wa-ter, So I long for You, O God! I thirst for God. I thirst for the

12 F B♭

li - ving God. When can I come and ap -

14 F B♭

pear be - fore God? Psalm For - ty Two, one and two.

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