

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.

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

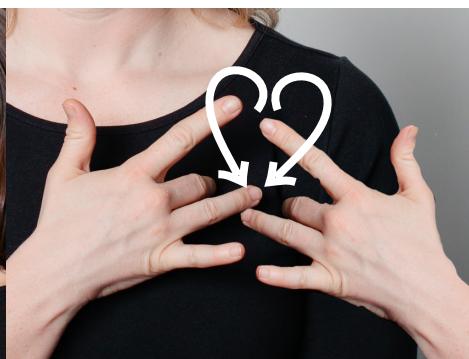
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**Thou**

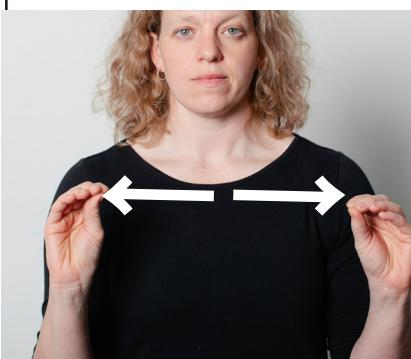
Right open hand moves up a short ways from shoulder height.

**Vision**

Index and middle finger of right "V" hand, palm facing in, are placed near eyes then moved forward.

**Heart**

Middle fingers are used to traced out the shape of a heart on upper left chest.

**Naught (Nothing)**

"O" hands are held in front of chest, fingers touching and palms facing forward. Simultaneously move both hands apart to each side.

**Thought**

Make down and outward circles with the index finger of each hand near sides of forehead, palms facing in.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

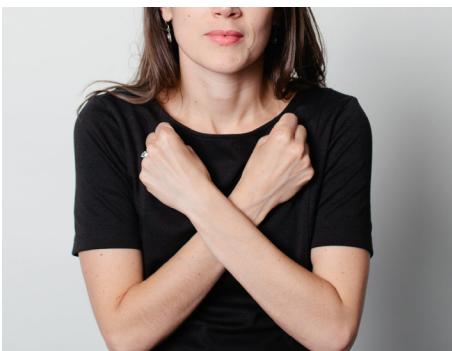
Your Love Is Better than Life

Because your love is better than life,
My lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live,
And in your name I will lift up my hands,
Because your love is better than life,
Because your love is better than life,
Because your love is better than life.

about this Bible verse:

Words: adapted from Psalm 63:3-4 NIV 1984 Music: Constance Dever ©2011

Life here on earth is filled with many good things, but God's people know that God's love is better than them all. God's love is better because it never changes and never ends. God's love is better because He made us to know Him. Only God and His love can truly satisfy us. How wonderful it is to know that God loves you and will always, always take care of you! God's people love to think about God and His deep, deep love for them. And more than that, they love to lift up their hands and their voices to glorify His name!

Your Love Is Better than Life Ps.63:3-4**PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 27****Love**

Fists are crossed on chest, palms facing body.



Touch lips with fingers of right flat hand; then, close hand into an "A" shape as you move it up and to the right side of head.

**Life**

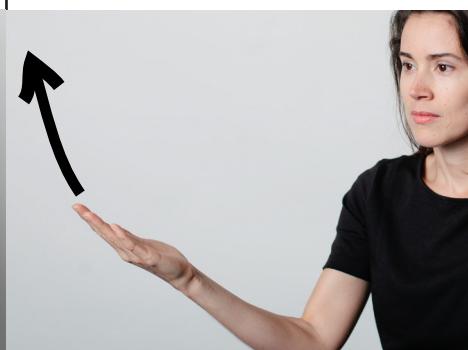
Upturned thumbs of "A" hands move upward in front of chest in unison.

**Lips**

Right index finger points to lips.

**Praise**

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

**You**

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

**Name**

Index and middle finger of right "N" hand are brought down to rest on index and middle finger of left "N" hand. Both sets of fingers are pointing outward diagonally.

**Lift Up**

Both upturned open hands held in front of body and lifted up in front of the face.

**Hands**

Hold up both hands, fingers pointing up and palms facing forward.

Let the Morning Bring Me

Refrain

Let the morning bring me,
Word of your unfailing love,
Let the morning bring me,
Word of your unfailing love.

Verse 1

I remember the days of long ago,
I meditate on all your works,
And consider what your hands have done,
What your hands have done. (*refrain*)

Verse 2

For I have put my trust in you,
Show me the way that I should go,
For to you, I entrust my life,
I entrust my life to you. (*refrain*)

Psalm One-forty-three, verses five and eight.

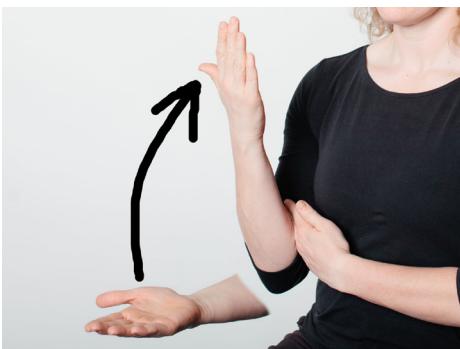
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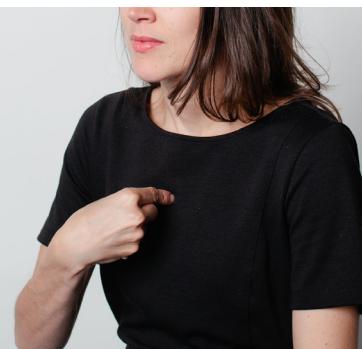
Thinking about God and all His good ways gives God's people hope. Even when they get bad news, even when they are sad, even when they don't know what they should do next, they think about how good God has been to them. He always helped them in the past, He will help them now, too. So, they entrust their life in His hands. They look for word of His unfailing love that will come to the rescue and help them every single time.

Let the Morning Bring Me Ps.143:5,8 NIV 1984

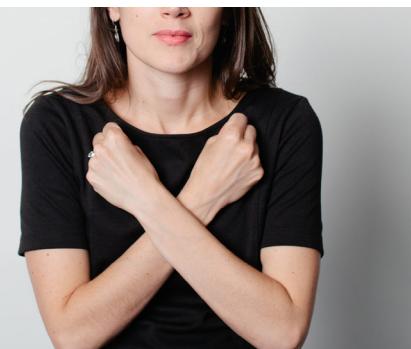
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**Morning**

Left flat hand, palm facing body, is placed in crook of right arm. Right flat hand, palm facing up and fingers pointing forward, starts out horizontal to the ground, then is brought up and back towards body in an arc.

**Me**

Point to self with right index finger.

**Love**

Fists are crossed on chest, palms facing body.

**Days**

Left arm, palm down, faces right with index finger extended and touching elbow of right arm, which points up with index finger extended up. Right arm is then pivoted down in an arc until it rests just above left elbow.

**Meditate, Consider**

Make down and outward circles with the index finger of each hand near sides of forehead, palms facing in.

**Works, Done**

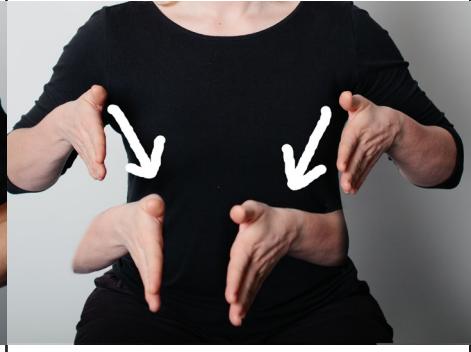
Move open hands, palms down side to side at the same time.

**Trust, Entrust**

Right index finger is crossed over the top of the left index finger, palms facing down. Both hands are moved down a short distance.

**Life**

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

**Way**

Flat hands, palms facing each other, move forward and progressively closer.

Be Thou My Vision, v.1

D Em Bm A D A Bm A D A

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me save that Thou art;
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom, 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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Your Love Is Better Than Life

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The first staff starts with a pickup followed by measures 1-4. The second staff begins at measure 5. The third staff begins at measure 10. The fourth staff begins at measure 14. The fifth staff begins at measure 16. Chords indicated above the staff include B♭, E♭, F, Gm, E♭, F, B♭, E♭, F, Gm, E♭, F, E♭, F, Gm⁷, E♭, Gm, E♭, F⁷, B♭, and B♭.

Be-cause your love is _____ bet-ter than life, my lips will glo - ri - fy you.

I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands...

Be-cause your love is bet - terthan life, Be-cause your love is bet - terthan

life, Be - cause your love is _____ bet - ter than

life. Psalm Six - ty - three, three___ and four.

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Let the Morning Bring Me

E♭ A♭ E♭ B♭ E♭ B♭ E♭ A♭ E♭ B♭

Let the morn-ing bring me word of Your un-fail-ing love, Let the morn-ing bring me
7 E♭ A♭ E♭ B♭ Cm A♭ E♭ Cm A♭
word of Your un-fail-ing love. I re-mem-ber the days of long a-go, I me-di-tate on
12 E♭ B♭ Cm A♭ E♭ A♭ E♭ B♭
all Your works, and con-si-der what Your hands have done, what Your hands have done, Let the
17 E♭ A♭ E♭ B♭ E♭ B♭ E♭ A♭ E♭ B♭
morn-ing bring me word of Your un-fail-ing love, Let the morn-ing bring me
23 E♭ A♭ B♭ Cm A♭ E♭ Cm A♭
word of Your un-fail-ing love. For I have put my trust in You, show me the way that
28 E♭ B♭ Cm A♭ E♭ A♭ E♭ B♭ E♭ A♭
I should go, for to You I en-trust my life. I en-trust my life to You. Let the morn-ing
34 E♭ B♭ E♭ B♭ E♭ B♭ E♭ A♭
bring me word of Your un-fail-ing love, Let the morn-ing bring me word of Your un-fail-ing
40 E♭ rit. Cm B♭ Cm E♭ B♭
love, Word of Your un-fail-ing love, word of Your un-fail-ing
44 E♭ B♭ Cm E♭ B♭ E♭
love. Psalm One - for - ty - three, ver - ses five and eight.