

## **Beneath the Cross of Jesus** (231~)

- Vs 1** Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way  
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.
- Vs 2** There lies beneath its shadow, but on the farther side,  
The darkness of an awful grave that gapes both deep and wide;  
And there between us stands the cross, two arms outstretched to save,  
Like a watchman set to guard the way from that eternal grave.
- Vs 3** Upon the cross of Jesus mine eyes at times can see  
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
And from my smitten heart, with tears, these wonders I confess:  
The wonder of His glorious love, and my unworthiness.
- Vs 4** I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place.  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self – my only shame, my glory all the cross.

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## **Abide with Me** (584~)

- Vs 1** Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- Vs 2** Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away.  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O, Thou who changest not, abide with me.
- Vs 3** I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who, like Thyself, my Guide and Stay can be?  
Thro' cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
- Vs 5** Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine thro' the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee.  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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**Today's text is John 15:1-11 NIV**