

# I have a friend so precious

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The first system of musical notation consists of five measures. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. A measure number '5' is placed above the fifth measure.

The second system of musical notation consists of five measures. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. A measure number '10' is placed above the tenth measure.

The third system of musical notation consists of five measures, ending with a double bar line. It continues the melody and accompaniment. A measure number '15' is placed above the fifteenth measure.

I have a Friend so precious,  
So very dear to me,  
He loves me with a tender love,  
He loves me faithfully;  
I could not live apart from Him,  
I love to feel Him nigh;  
And so we dwell together,  
My Lord and I.

He knows how much I love Him,  
He knows I love Him well;  
But with what love He loveth me,  
My tongue can never tell;  
It is an everlasting love  
In ever rich supply;  
And so we dwell together,  
My Lord and I.

He knows how I am longing  
Some weary soul to win,  
And so He bids me go and speak  
A loving word for Him;  
He bids me tell His wondrous love,  
And why He came to die;  
And so we dwell together,  
My Lord and I.

Sometimes I'm faint and weary,  
He knows that I am weak;  
And as He bids me lean on Him,  
His help I'll gladly seek;  
He leads me in the path of light,  
Beneath a sunny sky;  
And so we dwell together,  
My Lord and I.

I tell Him all my sorrows,  
I tell Him all my joys,  
I tell Him all that pleases me,  
I tell Him what annoys;  
He tells me what I ought to do,  
Hs tells me what to try;  
And so we dwell together,  
My Lord and I.

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Additional Verse by May A. Stephens:

He tells me of His Kingdom,  
It is not far away;  
And oh, His heart is longing  
To take me there some day.  
Immortal bliss is waiting  
And joys that never die:  
Soon there we'll reign together,  
My Lord and I.