

# Father, I know that all my life

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. The system contains five measures.

The second system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody continues in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. The system contains five measures, starting with a measure number '6' at the beginning.

The third system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody continues in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. The system contains five measures, starting with a measure number '10' at the beginning.

Father, I know that all my life  
Is portioned out for me,  
And the changes that are sure to come  
I do not fear to see;  
But I ask Thee for a present mind  
Intent on pleasing Thee.

I ask Thee for a thoughtful love,  
Through constant watching wise,  
To meet the glad with joyful smiles,  
And to wipe the weeping eyes;  
And a heart at leisure from itself,  
To soothe and sympathize.

Wherever in the world I am,  
In whatso'er estate,  
I have a fellowship with hearts  
To keep and cultivate;  
And a work of lowly love to do  
For the Lord on Whom I wait.

So I ask Thee for daily strength,  
To none that ask denied,  
And a mind to blend with outward life  
While keeping at Thy side;  
Content to fill a little space,  
If Thou be glorified.

In a service which Thy will appoints  
There are no bonds for me;  
For my inmost heart is taught "the truth"  
That makes Thy children "free."  
And a life of self renouncing love  
Is a life of liberty.

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