

Thy way, not mine, O Lord

Unknown Composer

The musical score is written for piano in a 6/8 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of five systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The piece is marked with measure numbers 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Thy way, not mine, O Lord,
However dark it be;
Lead me by Thine own hand,
Choose out the Path for me.
Thy way-Thy chosen way,
However rough it be;
'Tis Thee I seek to please,
Gladly with Thee agree.

Refrain

*Hold Thou my hand, Lord Jesus,
Thou knowest my weak frame
Knowing not how to go on,
I can but sigh in shame.
If Thou wouldst hold my hand, Lord,
Whatever be Thy choice,
Any time, any way, Lord,
Sweetly I will rejoice.*

Smooth let it be, or rough,
It will be still the best;
Winding or straight it leads
Right onward to Thy rest.
I dare not choose my lot;
I would not if I might:
Choose Thou for me, my God,
So shall I walk aright.

Refrain

My time is in Thy hand,
Let it be soon or late;
Plan it to Thy delight,
I would not choose the date.
If I should need to wait
Many a day or year,
I want no changes made,
Nothing the way to clear.

Refrain

Take Thou my cup, and it
With joy or sorrow fill,
As best to Thee may seem;
Choose Thou my good and ill.
All sufferings shall be sweet,
If Thy wish they fulfill;
All pleasures shall be dull,
If they are not Thy will.

Refrain

Choose Thou for me my friends,
My sickness or my health.
Choose Thou my cares for me,
My poverty or wealth.
Not mine, not mine the choice,
In things both great and small;
Be Thou my guide, my strength,
My wisdom and my all.

Refrain

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