

# Father, I know that all my life

Melody by J. Lancaster, 1833-1880

St. Silas  
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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef. The first measure starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second measure has a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The third measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4. The fourth measure has a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The bass line consists of chords: G2-B2-D3, A2-C3-E3, B2-D3-F#3, and G2-B2-D3.

The second system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef. The fifth measure starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The sixth measure has a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The seventh measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4. The eighth measure has a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The bass line consists of chords: G2-B2-D3, A2-C3-E3, B2-D3-F#3, and G2-B2-D3.

The third system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef. The ninth measure starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The tenth measure has a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The eleventh measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4. The twelfth measure has a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The bass line consists of chords: G2-B2-D3, A2-C3-E3, B2-D3-F#3, and G2-B2-D3.

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 whatsoe'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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