

## ABIDE WITH ME! FAST FALLS THE EVENTIDE

1. Remain with me! True fast day becomes night;  
Dark becomes more dark; lord, with me remain,  
When other helpers fail me and comforts disappear,  
Helper for people helpless, Lord, remain with me.
  
2. Fast to end approaches life's short day;  
Earth's joys become confused, earth's glory disappears;  
Change and destruction in all things around me I see.  
Lord, YOU that never change, remain with me.
  
3. Not short look, I pray, not quick word,  
But as YOU lived with YOUR followers,  
Lord, same as Friend, loving, patient, free,  
Come not for visit, but remain with me.
  
4. I need YOU near me every passing hour;  
What except YOUR grace can defeat tempter's power?  
Who same as YOURSELF my guide and support can become?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, remain with me.
  
5. Fear no enemy, with YOU near for bless me;  
Troubles not heavy and tears not bitter.  
Where now death's power? Where, grave, YOUR victory?  
I victory continue because YOU remain with me.
  
6. Hold now YOUR cross before my closing eyes,  
Shine through dark, and lead me through skies.  
Heaven's morning sunrise, and earth's vain dark vanish:  
Through life and death, Lord, remain with me. Amen

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