

Rise, My Soul, To Watch And Pray

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The first system of the musical score is written for piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The music begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble staff starts on G4 and moves through various intervals, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. A repeat sign is present at the end of the system, with a fermata over the final measure. A small number '5' is written above the final measure of the first system.

The second system of the musical score continues the piece. It also consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody in the treble staff continues from the first system, with some chromatic movement. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment. A repeat sign is present at the end of the system, with a fermata over the final measure. A small number '10' is written above the final measure of the second system.

(1.) Rise, my soul, to watch and pray, from thy sleep awaken; - Be not by the evil day unawares be taken. - For the foe, well we know, oft his harvest reapeth, - While the Christian sleepeth.

(2.) Watch against the devil's snares lest asleep he find thee; - For indeed no pains he spares to deceive and blind thee. - Satan's prey oft are they who secure are sleeping - And no watch are keeping.

(3.) Watch! Let not the wicked world with its power defeat thee. - Watch lest with her pomp unfurled she betray and cheat thee. - Watch and see lest there be faithless friends to charm thee, - Who but seek to harm thee.

(4.) Watch against thyself, my soul, lest with grace thou trifle; - Let not self thy thoughts control nor God's mercy stifle. - Pride and sin lurk within all thy hopes to scatter; - Heed not when they flatter.

(5.) But while watching, also pray to the Lord unceasing, - He will free thee, be thy Stay, strength and faith increasing. - O Lord, bless in distress and let nothing swerve me, - From the will to serve Thee.

(6.) Therefore let us watch and pray, knowing, He will hear us - As we see from day to day dangers ever near us, - And the end doth impend—our redemption neareth - When the Lord appeareth.

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