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a cappella
Duration: c. 3:30

Choral Music of Douglas Byler

Eventide

Text by M. Lowrie Hofford (1823-1888)

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*Abide with me; 'tis eventide.
The day is past and gone;
The shadows of the evening fall;
The night is coming on.
Within my heart a welcome guest,
Within my home abide.*

*O Savior, stay this night with me;
Behold, 'tis eventide.*

*Abide with me; 'tis eventide.
Thy walk today with me
Has made my heart within me burn,
As I communed with thee.
Thy earnest words have filled my soul
And kept me near thy side.*

*Abide with me; 'tis eventide,
And lone will be the night
If I cannot commune with thee
Nor find in thee my light.
The darkness of the world, I fear,
Would in my home abide.*

-Martin Lowrie Hofford (1823-1888)



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Eventide

M. Lowrie Hofford (1823-1888)

Douglas Byler (ASCAP)

p
Tenor 1
1. A - bide with me; 'tis e - ven - tide! The day is past and

p
Tenor 2
1. A bide with me; _____ 'tis e - ven - tide! The day _____

p
Bass 1
1. A bide with me, A - bide with

p
Bass 2
1. A - bide with me, A - bide with

4 *cresc.* *mf* *dim.*
T 1
gone; The shad - ows of the ev - 'ning fall _____

cresc. *mf* *dim.* *mp*
T 2
_____ is past and gone; _____ The shad - ows of the ev - 'ning fall; _____ The

cresc. *mf* *dim.* *mp*
B 1
me; The shad - ows _____ of the ev - 'ning fall; The

cresc. *mf* *dim.* *mp*
B 2
me; The shad - ows _____ of the ev - 'ning fall; The

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T 1 *p* *mp*
 With - in my heart a wel-come guest, With-in my home a -

T 2 *dim.* *p* *mp*
 night is com - ing on. a wel-come guest, With-in my home a -

B 1 *dim.* *p*
 night is com - ing on. a guest, With - in my home a -

B 2 *dim.* *p*
 night is com - ing on. a guest, With - in my home a -

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T 1 *p cresc. poco a poco* *mf*
 bide. O Sa- vior stay this night, Stay this night with me; Be hold,

T 2 *p cresc. poco a poco*
 bide. O Sa- vior stay this night, Stay this night with me; Be - hold,

B 1 *p cresc. poco a poco*
 bide. O Sa - vior, stay this night with me;

B 2 *p cresc. poco a poco*
 bide. O Sa- vior stay this night, Stay this night with me; Be - hold, 'tis e - ven -

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T 1 *mf*
 'tis e - ven - tide!

T 2 *mf*
 'tis e - ven - tide, 'tis e - ven - tide!

B 1 *mf*
 'tis e - ven - tide, 'tis e - ven - tide!

B 2 *mf*
 tide Be - hold, 'tis e - ven - tide!

25 *p*

T 1
2. A - bide with me; 'tis e - ven - tide! Thy walk to - day with me

T 2
2. A - bide with me; _____ 'tis e - ven - tide! Thy walk _____ to - day with me _____

B 1
2. A - bide with me; Thy walk with me has

B 2
2. A - bide with me; Thy walk with me has

30 *cresc.* *mf* *dim.* *p*

T 1
8 Has made my heart with - in me burn, _____

T 2
8 _____ Has made my heart with - in me burn, As I com - muned with

B 1
made my heart with - in me burn, As I com - muned with

B 2
made my heart with - in me burn, As I com - muned with

35 *p* *mp* *p*

T 1
8 Thy ear - nest words have filled my soul And kept me near thy side. O

T 2
8 thee. _____ have filled my soul And kept me near thy side. O

B 1
thee. _____ filled my soul And kept me near thy side. O

B 2
thee. _____ filled my soul And kept me near thy side. O

40 *cresc. poco a poco*

T 1
Sa - vior stay this night, Stay this night with me, Be - hold, 'tis e - ven -

T 2
Sa - vior stay this night, Stay this night with me, Be - hold, Be -

B 1
Sa - vior, stay this night with me, Be -

B 2
Sa - vior stay this night, Stay this night with me; Be - hold, 'tis e - ven - tide,

cresc. poco a poco

46 *f*

T 1
tide, Be - hold, 'tis e - ven - tide! Be - hold,

T 2
hold, 'tis e - ven - tide, Be - hold, 'tis e - ven - tide, e - ven - tide, Be - hold,

B 1
hold, 'tis e - ven - tide, Be - hold, 'tis e - ven - tide e - ven - tide, Be - hold,

B 2
e - ven - tide, Be - hold, 'tis e - ven - tide, Be - hold,

f

53 *dim.* *p*

T 1
'tis e - ven - tide, 'tis e - ven - tide.

T 2
'tis e - ven - tide, 'tis e - ven - tide.

B 1
'tis e - ven - tide, 'tis e - ven - tide.

B 2
'tis e - ven - tide, 'tis e - ven - tide.

dim. *p*

59 *p*

T 1
3. A - bide with me; 'tis e - ven - tide! And lone will be the

T 2
(hum) (hum)

B 1
(hum) (hum)

B 2
(hum) (hum)

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T 1
night If I can - not com - mune with thee

T 2
(hum) Nor *pp*

B 1
(hum) Nor *pp*

B 2
(hum) Nor *pp*

68 *p* *mp*

T 1
The dark-ness of the world, I fear, Would in my home a -

T 2
find in thee my light. the world, I fear, Would in my home a -

B 1
find in thee my light. I fear, would in my home a -

B 2
find in thee my light. I fear, would in my home a -

73 *p* *cresc. poco a poco*

T 1
bide. 0 Sa - vior stay this night, Stay this night with me, Be -

T 2
bide. 0 Sa - vior stay this night, Stay this night with me, Be -

B 1
bide. 0 Sa - vior, stay this night with

B 2
bide. 0 Sa - vior stay this night, Stay this night with me; Be -

78 *mf* *p*

T 1
hold, 'tis e - ven - tide!

T 2
hold, 'tis e - ven - tide, 'tis e - ven - tide!

B 1
me, 'tis e - ven - tide, 'tis e - ven - tide!

B 2
hold, 'tis e - ven - tide Be - hold, 'tis e - ven - tide!