

# Father, I Know That All My Life

Words written by Anna L. Waring, 1850

Music written by Charles Steggall  
Arranged by Benjamin Esh

*My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! Psalm 31:15*

D G D F#min Bmin G D G D/F# A D G A

1. Fa - ther, I know that all my life Is por - tioned out for me;  
 2. I ask Thee for a thought - ful love, Through con - stant watch - ing wise,  
 3. I would not have the rest - less will That hur - ries to and fro,  
 4. Wher - ev - er in this world I am, In what - so - e'er es - tate,  
 5. So I ask Thee for the dai - ly strength, To none that ask de - nied—  
 6. There are briars be - set - ting eve - ry path, Which call for con - stant care;  
 7. In a ser - vice which Thy love ap - points There are no bonds for me,

D 0 3 0 2 2 0 0 3 2 1 0 0 1  
 A 0 3 0 2 1 1 0 1 2 0 0 0 1 0  
 D 2 3 4 5 4 2 0 3 2 1 2 0 1 2 3 1

Bmin G D/F# A D E7 A Bmin7 E/B A D Bmin E A

And the chang - es that are sure to come I do not fear to see;  
 To meet the glad and joy - ful smiles, And wipe the weep - ing eyes,  
 E'er seek - ing some great thing to do, Or se - cret thing to know;  
 I have a fel - low - ship with hearts To keep and cul - ti - vate,  
 And a mind to blend with out - ward life, While keep - ing at Thy side,  
 There is a cross in eve - ry lot, And an ear - nest need for prayer;  
 For my se - cret heart has learned the truth Which makes Thy chil - dren free,

1 2 3 2 1 0 5 4 5 5 4 0 5 5 4  
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 2 1 0 0 0 1 2 0 4 4 5 6+ 4 5 5 4

D G A D Bmin Emin A D/F# Bmin D G A D

I ask Thee for a pres - ent mind, In - tent on pleas - ing Thee.  
 And a heart, at lei - sure from it - self, To soothe and sym - pa - thize.  
 I would be treat - ed as a child, And guid - ed where I go.  
 And a work of low - ly love to do For the Lord on whom I wait.  
 Con - tent to fill a lit - tle space, If Thou be glo - ri - fied.  
 But a low - ly heart that leans on Thee, Is hap - py eve - ry - where.  
 And a life of self - re - nounc - ing love Is a life of lib - er - ty.

3 4 0 5 1 1 2 2 0 0 1 1 0  
 3 4 5 5 1 0 3 1 0 1 0 0 0  
 4 4 5 6+ 4 5 3 2 1 4 0 1 2 3 1 0 0