

Father, I Know That All My Life

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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,

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,

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.