

Side Notes: This song was written in 1919, just after the composer's son was committed to a mental hospital and then passed away. As I read the words to this hymn, I could see it was a humble prayer from someone who was seeking the will of the Lord and pleading for Him to teach and help him understand His ways. For the first verse, I changed a few words, and at the end of the song, I added additional lyrics that kept coming to my mind as the tune played over and over in my head. I think it fits and describes how I feel when looking for answers to my own prayers. I feel this song could have been written into the musical, 'Les Miserables' with the way the lyrics, message, and prayer are so heartfelt and sincere.

Many times when we pray, we might think we know what we want or need but we don't always get the answer in a way we think it should come. Often times it takes weeks, months, or even years to be able to look back at a situation and see that God has actually answered a prayer in the way which was best for us. Unfortunately some people come to the conclusion that God doesn't hear them, only to find years later, whether in this life or the life to come that they were being answered through "unanswered" prayers in ways they are able to learn and grow from. Being more patient, humble, and trusting in a loving Father in Heaven who cares about and loves each of His children, we can find positive things, no matter what comes our way.

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

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Prayerfully

mp

5 Teach me thy way, O Lord; hear Thou my prayer.

9 Thy guid - ing grace af - ford; teach me thy way!

13 Help me to walk a - right, more by faith, less by sight;

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17

lead me with heav'n - ly light; teach me thy way.

This system contains measures 17 through 20. The melody is in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'lead me with heav'n - ly light; teach me thy way.' The music features a simple harmonic accompaniment in the bass line.

21

This system contains measures 21 through 24. The melody continues with a more active line, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment. The time signature changes to 3/4 at the end of measure 24.

25

When I am sad at heart, teach me thy way!

This system contains measures 25 through 28. The melody is in G minor and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: 'When I am sad at heart, teach me thy way!' The music features a simple harmonic accompaniment in the bass line.

29

When earth - ly joys de - part, teach me thy — way!

This system contains measures 29 through 32. The melody continues with a more active line, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment. The time signature changes to 3/4 at the end of measure 32.

33

In hours of lone - li - ness, in times of dire dis - tress,

This system contains measures 33 through 36. The melody continues with a more active line, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment. The time signature changes to 3/4 at the end of measure 36.

37

in fail - ure or suc - cess, teach me thy way.

41

When doubts and fears a - rise, teach me thy way!

45

When storms o'er spread the skies, teach me thy way!

49

Shine thro' the cloud and rain, thro' sor - row, toil, and pain;

53

make thou my path - way clear. Teach me thy way!

58

Long as my life shall last, teach me thy

62

way! Where - e'er my lot be ___ cast,

8vb

66

teach me thy way! Un - til the race is run,

70

un - til the ___ jour - ney's done un - til the ___ crown is won,

74

teach me thy way. rit. Make thou my path - way clear,

78

help me to know you're near, bless me to trust in you each

82

day, Teach me Thy way! Make thou my

86

path-way clear, help me to know you're near, bless me to

90

trust in you each day, Teach me Thy way!

94

rit. *pp*