

# Ramakrishna, Be My Friend

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Allegro moderato

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'Allegro moderato'. The score includes a refrain and several verses. The refrain is marked with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The verses are numbered 1 through 4. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are written below the notes.

(Refrain) Ra-ma - krish-na, be my friend: Come and share your joy with  
me. Let me see your lov-ing face; Be with me in ev'-ry hour. *Fine*

1. Bring to life my ar - id heart, Calm my mind with thoughts of  
you, Ev - er guide my falt'ring steps—Lead me on-ward by your  
light. Help me tread the ho - ly path; Give me strength to do the  
right. Help me climb the hill of God; Drag me on-ward to the goal.

*Sing refrain once, then go to verse 2.*

2. Share the burden of my life,  
Comfort me in times of trial,  
Stand by me when all else fails;  
Lift me up if I should fall.

Ramakrishna, speak to me:  
Tell me I belong to you—  
I am yours and you are mine;  
Promise you'll be always there.

*(Sing refrain once)*

3. If I fail to cling to you,  
Take my hand and lift me up.  
If my mind should drift away,  
Draw me back and hold me fast.

Keep me always in your sight;  
Let me never stray from you.  
I am yours where'er I go:  
You are there; I am with you.

*(Sing refrain once)*

4. Always keep me in your care,  
Stay beside me day and night;  
If my heart should e'er forget,  
Pierce the dark and show your face.

Draw me inward by your love,  
Let me share your feast of bliss;  
Dance in joy within my heart—  
You are my eternal home.

*(Sing refrain once)*