

**BE WITH ME LORD****Song # 778 L.O. Sanderson [music] & Thomas O. Chisholm [words]**

In the fall of 1934 brother L.O. Sanderson was working on materials for Christian Hymns #1. It was past Midnight on a Monday night when he finally finished the melody. He was at the office and He says: "...it was so late that the police, seeing a light and my car still out, stopped and came in to check on me. A melody kept running through my mind. I finally stopped what I was doing, and wrote out the melody and then returned to my work. But the harmony kept place in my mind. Again, I stopped and wrote the harmony to complete the music."

It was 8 days later that he got a letter from Thomas O. Chisholm with some words he had written for a song. He had been up late on that Same Monday night and had worked after midnight completing the poem. It was a perfect fit to the music of L.O. Sanderson. Probably the most popular hymn he ever wrote. Sanderson and Chisholm were living in different states and several hundred miles from each other.

Sanderson thinks that it was in the Providence of God that this event occurred. The words to the song and the scripture, Heb. 13:5,6 & 8, bring comfort to us. We know that we are not alone in this world. The Lord will never leave us!

HEB 13:5 - 6 asv "Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee." "So that with good courage we say, `The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me?" "

NKJV. Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

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