

# I've found a Friend

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Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

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1. I've found a Friend; O such a Friend! He loved me ere I knew Him; He drew me  
2. I've found a Friend; O such a Friend! He bled, He died to save me; And not a -  
3. I've found a Friend; O such a Friend! All power to Him is giv - en, To guard me  
4. I've found a Friend; O such a Friend! So kind, and true, and ten - der! So wise a

The first system of musical notation is in 3/4 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 120. It features a treble and bass staff with lyrics for four verses. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a consistent accompaniment in the bass line.

with the cords of love, And thus He bound me to Him: And round my heart still close-ly twine  
lone the gift of life, But His own self He gave me. Nought that I have mine own I'll call,  
on my on-ward course And bring me safe to heav-en. The e - ternal glor - ies gleam a - far,  
Counsel - lor and Guide, So migh-ty a De-fen-der! From Him who loves now me so well

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a key signature change to one sharp (F#) and a time signature change to 2/4. The lyrics describe the spiritual bond between the singer and God.

Those ties which nought can sev-er; For I am His, and He is mine, For ev - er and for ever.  
I'll hold it for the Giv-er; My heart, my strength, my life, my all Are His, and His for ever.  
To nerve my faint endeavor; So now to watch, to work, to war, And then to rest for ever.  
What power my soul can sev-er? Shall life or death? Shall earth or hell? No! I am His for ever.

The third system concludes the piece with a final cadence. The lyrics affirm the singer's eternal commitment to God.

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