

## Valete (8.8.8.8.8.8.)

Composed for "Church Hymns, with Tunes", S.P.C.K., 1874.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Valete'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is common time (C). The first system has 8 measures. The second system has 8 measures. The third system has 8 measures, with a dynamic marking of *f* (forte) in the first measure and *p* (piano) in the third measure. The final measure of the third system is a double bar line followed by a whole rest in both staves, with the text 'A - men.' written below the bass staff.

**1** Sweet Saviour! bless us ere we go;  
Thy word into our minds instil,  
And make our lukewarm hearts to glow  
With lowly love and fervent will.  
Through life's long day, and death's dark night,  
O gentle Jesu, be our Light.

**2** The day is done, its hours have run;  
And Thou hast taken count of all,  
The scanty triumphs grace hath won,  
The broken vow, the frequent fall.  
Through life's long day, and death's dark night,  
O gentle Jesu, be our Light.

**3** Do more than pardon; give us joy,  
Sweet fear, and sober liberty,  
And simple hearts without alloy,  
That only long to be like Thee.  
Through life's long day, and death's dark night,  
O gentle Jesu, be our Light.

**4** All toil is blest, for Thou hast toiled,  
And care is light, for Thou hast cared.  
Let not our works by strife be spoiled,  
Or by deceit our hearts ensnared.  
Through life's long day, and death's dark night,  
O gentle Jesu, be our Light.

**5** For all we love, the poor, the sad,  
The sinful, unto Thee we call;  
O let Thy mercy make us glad:  
Thou art our Jesus, and our All.  
Through life's long day, and death's dark night,  
O gentle Jesu, be our Light.

**6** Sweet Saviour! bless us: night is come,  
Through night and darkness near us be;  
Good Angels watch about our home,  
And we are one day nearer Thee!  
Through life's long day, and death's dark night,  
O gentle Jesu, be our Light. Amen.