726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



- 1 "Will you come and fol low me if I but call your name? 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er the same? Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er the same? Will you pris-oners free and nev - er set the same? Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er the same? Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen, Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round, In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will life be grown in you and you me?" you let my Will vou let me an - swer prayer in you and you me?" in and to what I mean in you and you me?" in through my sight and touch and sound in you and you me?" in I'll move and live and grow in you and you me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727



The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).