

# Rune Before Prayer

(Rann romh urnuigh)

for unaccompanied choir—revised version

words from the oral tradition of the Scottish Western Isles,  
collected and translated by Alexander Carmichael, 1899

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Tenderly ♩ = 60

I am bend-ing my knee In the eye of the Fa-ther who cre - a - ted me,  
I am bend-ing my knee In the eye of the Fa-ther who cre - a - ted me, I am  
I am bend-ing my knee In the eye of the Fa-ther who cre - a - ted  
I am bend-ing my knee In the eye of the Fa-ther of  
In the eye of the Son who pur - chased me,  
bend - ing my knee, In the eye of the Son who pur - chased me, I am  
me, In the eye of the the Son who pur - chased  
me, In the eye of the Son who pur - chased  
In the eye of the Spi-rit who clean-sed me, In  
bend-ing my knee, In the eye of the Spi - rit who clean-sed me, In  
me, In the eye, the eye of the Spi-rit who clean - sed me, In  
me, In the eye of the Spi-rit who clean - sed me,  
pur - chased me, eye, In

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13 *mp* *rall.* -----, *mf* *a tempo*

friend-ship and af - fec - tion, I am bend-ing my knee. Through thine

friend-ship and af - fec - - - - tion, I am bend-ing my knee.

8 friend-ship and af - fec - - - - tion, I am bend-ing my knee. Through thine

friend-ship and af - fec - - - - - tion, I am bend-ing my knee.

18 *mf*

own A-noin - ted One, O God, Be - stow u-pon us full - ness in our

*mf* One, One, O God, our

8 own A-noin - ted One, O God, Be - stow u-pon us full - ness in our

*mf* One, One, O God, our need,

22 *p* *rall.* ----- *a tempo* *mp*

need, I am bend-ing my knee. Love towards God, The af

*p* need, I am bend-ing my knee. Love towards God, The af

8 need, I am bend-ing my knee. Love towards

need, I am bend-ing my knee. Love towards

26 *f*

- fec-tion of God, The smile of God, the smile of God,

- fec-tion of God, The smile of God, the smile of God, The

8 God, The af-fec-tion of God, of God, smile of God,

God, The af-fec-tion of God, of God, The smile of God, The

30 *mp*

The grace of God, The fear of God, And the

wis-dom of God, The grace of God, The fear of God, And the

8 The grace of God, The fear of

wis-dom of God, The grace of God, The fear of

33 *p* *f*

will of God. Ah, ah, As

will of God. To do on the world of the Three,

8 God, And the will of God. To do on the world of the Three,

God, And the will of God. To do As

36 *diminuendo*

an - gels and saints, an - gels and saints Do in heaven,  
 As an - gels and saints, an - gels and saints in heaven,  
 As an - gels and saints, an - gels and saints in heaven,  
 an - gels and saints, an - - - gels Do in heaven,

39 *mp* *rall. e dim.*

do in heaven; I am bend - ing my knee. Each shade and light, Each  
 do in heaven; bend - ing my knee, I am bend - ing my  
 do in heaven; bend - ing my knee, I am bend - ing my  
 do in heaven; bend - ing my knee, I am bend - ing my

43 *pp* *Spi - - - rit.*

day and night, Each time in kind-ness, Give Thou us thy Spi - rit.  
 knee, Each time in kind-ness, Give Thou us thy Spi - rit.  
 knee, Each time in kind-ness, Give Thou us thy Spi - rit.  
 knee, Each time in kind-ness, Give Thou us thy Spi - rit.

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