

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE  
Alternative Lines

This hymn is a dream for the creative music leader! To teach the children how we can let God's light shine through us where ever we go and in whatever we're doing; just sing an alternative line. Here are some I've come up with; please add you own and then create motions for them to turn this into a fun motion song!

Traditional First Verse:

[This little light of mine,] I'm gonna let it shine;  
[This little light of mine,] I'm gonna let it shine;  
[This little light of mine,] I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Optional lines:

And when my path is dark  
On dark and stormy nights  
While on my daily ride  
And when I go to play  
And when I go to school  
E-ver-y night and day  
While talking to my friends  
And even while asleep  
While cleaning up my room  
While raking up the leaves  
While walking in the dark  
While singing loud and strong  
Whenever I'm afraid

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### ORIGINAL TEXT

1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### A COMMON VERSION

1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4 Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

5 All in my home, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All in my home, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All in my home, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### OTHER VERSES FOUND IN VARIOUS HYMNALS

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine;  
all through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a basket? No! I'm gonna let it shine.  
Hide it under a basket? No! I'm gonna let it shine.  
Hide it under a basket? No! I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine,  
Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine,  
Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Don't let anyone (blow) it out.  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Don't let anyone (blow) it out.  
I'm gonna let it shine,  
Don't let anyone (blow) it out.  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine,

Share my light with others! Yes!  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Share my light with others! Yes!  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Share my light with others! Yes!  
I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine,  
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine,  
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### Motions Suggested in One Hymnal:

All around the neighborhood (Circular motion)  
Hide it under a bushel (No) (Hand over finger)  
Don't you try to (blow) it out (Blow)  
Shine all over [your town name] (Circular motion)