

## Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

An American folk hymn [Am]

Arranged by *John Knowles Paine* (1839–1906) [Am]

	<b>Lord,</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>want</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>be</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>Christian</b>
(MA)	[lɔɹd	a:I	want	tu	bi	ʌ	'kɹɪs.tʃən] <sup>1</sup>
(GA)	[lɔə-d	a:I	want	tʌ	bi	ʌ	'kɹɪs.tʃən]

In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.

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IPA transcription is available for download.

*Thank you!*



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<sup>1</sup> The IPA transcription is given in both Mid-Atlantic (MA) and General American (GA) pronunciation.