

Take Up Thy Cross, the Savior Said

Verse

“Take up your cross,” the Sa - vior said,
 Take up your cross, let not its weight
 Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
 Take up your cross, in Christ’s strength,

“if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
 fill and your weak spir - it with a - larm;
 and let calm - ly ev - ery heart dan - ger still;
 and let calm - ly ev - ery heart dan - ger brave:

de - ny your - self, the world for - sake,
 Christ’s strength shall bear your spir - it up
 the Lord guides for you to ac - cept - ed death
 it guides you to a - bun - dant life

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The musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely SATB. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the alto part providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
and brace your heart - and nerve your arm.
up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.