



1 Take up thy cross, the Sav - iour said,
 2 Take up thy cross: let not its weight
 3 Take up thy cross, heed not the shame,
 4 Take up thy cross then in his strength,



if thou wouldst my dis - ci - ple be;
 fill thy weak spir - it with a - larm;
 nor let thy fool - ish pride re - bel:
 and calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave;



de - ny thy - self, the world for - sake,
 his strength shall bear thy spir - it up,
 thy Lord for thee the cross en - dured,
 'twill guide thee to a bet - ter home,

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and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
to save thy soul from death and hell.
and lead to vic - tory o'er the grave.

5 Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only they who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

6 To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.