

Take Up Thy Cross, the Saviour Said

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1. "Take up thy cross," the Sav - iour said, "If you would my dis - ci - ple be:
2. Take up thy cross; let not its weight fill thy weak spir - it with a - larm;
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy fool - ish pride reb - el;
4. Take up thy cross, then, in his strength, and calm - ly ev - 'ry dan - ger brave:
5. Take up thy cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;

1. take up thy cross with will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
2. his strength shall bear thy spir - it up, and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
3. the Lord for thee the cross en - dured to save thy soul from death and hell.
4. 'twill guide thee to a bet - ter home and leads to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
5. for on - ly those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Inspiration: Matthew 10: 37-42, 16: 24-25; Mark 8: 34-35; Luke 9: 23-24, 14: 25-33.
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Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR; J. Klug's "Geistliche Lieder"; Wittenberg, 1543; adapt. by Johann S. Bach, 1685-1750.