

# Take Up Thy Cross, the Saviour Said

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Em Em B Em Em D G Am B

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;

Em Am D D G Em Em C B Em

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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