

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Mark 8:34

1. Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and fol - low thee;
 2. Let the world de - spise and leave me, they have left my Sav - ior too;
 3. Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me, 'twill but drive me to thy breast;
 4. Take, my soul, thy full sal - va - tion, rise o'er sin and fear and care;

des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, thou from hence my all shall be.
 hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; thou art not, like man, un - true;
 life with tri - als hard may press me, heav'n will bring me sweet - er rest.
 joy to find in ev - 'ry sta - tion some - thing still to do or bear;

Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion, all I've sought or hoped or known;
 and, while thou shalt smile up - on me, God of wis - dom, love, and might,
 O 'tis not in grief to harm me while thy love is left to me;
 think what Spir - it dwells with - in thee, what a Fa - ther's smile is thine,

yet how rich is my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own.
 foes may hate and friends may shun me; show thy face, and all is bright.
 O 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy un - mixed with thee.
 what a Sav - ior died to win thee: child of heav'n, shouldst thou re - pine?

5. Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
 heav'n's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.
 Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;
 hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.