

Jesus, I my cross have taken

Consecration — Following the Lord

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(Guitar: Capo 1)

The musical score is written for guitar with a capo on the first fret. It consists of four staves of music in a 6/8 time signature, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with a consistent rhythm. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, D, D7, G, D7, G, D, D7, G, C, D, G, D7, G. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

1. Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, All to leave and fol - low Thee;
Des - ti - tute, des - pised, for - sak - en, Thou, from hence, my all shalt be.
Pe - rish ev - ery fond am - bi - tion, All I've sought, and hoped, and known;
Yet how rich is my con - di - tion, God and Christ are still my own!

2. Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like man, untrue;
And, while Thou shalt smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate, and friends disown me;
Show Thy face, and all is bright.

3. Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me,
Christ will bring me sweeter rest.
O 'tis not in grief to harm me,
While Thy love is left to me;
O 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

4. Haste then on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith and winged by prayer;
God'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.