

Though Christ a thousand times (New Tune)

Union with Christ—One with Him

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(Guitar: Capo 1)

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The Cross on Golgotha, Will never save thy soul; The Cross in thine own heart, Alone can make thee whole.
O, Cross of Christ, I take thee In - to this heart of mine, That I to my own self may die
And rise to thy life Di - vine.

The musical score is written for guitar with a capo at the first fret. It consists of four staves of music in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: D, G, Em, A7, D, G, Em, A, D, G, A, Bm, D, G, Em7, A, G, A, Bm, D, G, A7, D, D7, G, D, A7, G, D. The lyrics are: '1. Though Christ a thousand times In Bethle-hem be born, If He's not born in thee Thy soul is still forlorn. The Cross on Golgotha, Will never save thy soul; The Cross in thine own heart, Alone can make thee whole. O, Cross of Christ, I take thee In - to this heart of mine, That I to my own self may die And rise to thy life Di - vine.'

2. What e'er thou lovest, man,
That too become thou must;
God, if thou lovest God,
Dust, if thou lovest dust.
Go out, God will come in;
Die thou and let Him live;
Be not and He will be;
Wait and He'll all things give.

3. To bring thee to thy God,
Love takes the shortest route;
The way which knowledge leads,
Is but a roundabout.
Drive out from thee the world,
And then thy heart shall be
Filled with the love of God,
And holy like as He.