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2. Take up thy cross; let not its weight fill
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor
4. Take up thy cross then in his strength, and
5. Take up thy cross, and fol - low Christ, nor
6. To thee, great Lord, the One in Three, all

thou wouldst my dis - ci - ple be; de - ny thy - self, the
thy weak spir - it with a - larm; his strength shall bear thy
let thy fool - ish pride re - bel; the Lord for thee the
calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave; twill guide thee to a
think till death to lay it down; for on - ly he who
praise for ev - er - more as - cend; O grant us in our

world for - sake, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
spir - it up, and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
Cross en - dured, to save thy soul from death and hell.
bet - ter home, and lead to vic - tory o'er the grave.
bears the cross may hope to wear the glor - ious crown.
home to see the heaven - ly life that knows no end.

Text: Charles Everest (1814-1877)

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