

The Hymnal 1982 - #675 Take up your cross, the Savior said



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave; it guides you to a -
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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- 1 Take up your cross, the Savior said,
 if you would my disciple be;
 take up your cross with willing heart,
 and humbly follow after me.
- 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight
 fill your weak spirit with alarm;
 his strength shall bear your spirit up,
 and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
- 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
 and let your foolish heart be still;
 the Lord for you accepted death
 upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.
- 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
 and calmly every danger brave:
 it guides you to abundant life
 and leads to victory o'er the grave.
- 5 Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
 nor think till death to lay it down;
 for only those who bear the cross

may hope to wear the glorious crown.

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