
ST. PATRICK

I bind unto myself today

Words

Attributed to St. Patrick

Music

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SATB and accompaniment

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I bind unto myself this day

St. Patrick's Breastplate.

Irish traditional melody
arranged by Sir. Charles Villiers Stanford.

St. Patrick

1. I bind un to my self to - day the strong name

6 of the Tr - ni - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion

11 of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

2. I bind this day to me for ev - er, by po - wer of faith, Christ's
4. I bind un - to my self to - day the vir - tues of the
6. A - gainst the de - mon snares of sin, the vice that gives temp -

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2. in - car - na - tion; his bap - ti - sm in the Jor - dan ri - ver; his death on
 4. star - lit heaven, the glo - riois sun's life giv - ing ray, the white - ness.
 6. ta - tion force, the na - tural lusts that war with - in, the hos - tile

30

2. cross. for my sal - va - tion; his burst - ing from the spic - ed
 4. of the moon at ev - en, the flash - ing of the light - ning
 6. men that mar my course; or few or ma - ny, far or

37

2. tomb; his ri - ding up the heav'n - ly way; his com - ing at the
 4. free, the wirl - ing wind's tem - pest - uous shocks, the sta - ble - earth, the
 6. nigh, in eve - ry place and in all hours, a - gainst their fierce hos -

44

2. day of doom; I bind un - to my self to - day.
 4. deep salt sea a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.
 6. ti - li - ty, I bind to me these ho - ly powers.

50

3. I bind un - to my self the power of the great love of
 5. I bind un - to my - self to day the power of God to
 7. A - gainst all Sa - tan's spells and wiles, a - gainst false words of

56

3. che - ru - bim; the sweet "well "done" in judge - ment hour; the ser - vice.
 5. hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to
 7. he - re - sy, a - gainst the know - ledge that de - files, a - gainst the

63

3. of the se - ra - phim. con - fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles'
 5. heark - en to my need. The wis - dom of my God to
 7. heart's i - dlo - la - try, a - gainst the wi - zard's e - vil

organ.

organ.

70

3. word, the pat - triarchs' prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls, All good deeds done un -
 5. teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward; the word of God to
 7. craft a - gainst the death wound and the burn - ing, the cho - king wave, the

77

3. to the Lord, and pur - i - ty of vir - gin souls.
 5. give me speech, his heav'n - ly host to be my guard.
 7. poi - soned shaft, Pro - tect me, Christ, till thy re - turning.

For verse 8 - choose either tune.

83 Dierdre
(Adapted from a traditional Irish melody).

8. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me,

85 Clonmacnoise
(Adapted from an traditional Irish melody by R.R. Terry).

8. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me,

87

Christ be - hind me, Christ be - fore me,

89

Christ be - hind me, Christ be - for me,

91

Christ be - side me, Christ to win me,

93

Christ be - side me, Christ to win me,

95

Christ to com - fort and re - store me.

97

Christ to com - fort and re - store me.

99

Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me,

101

Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me,

103

Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,

105

Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,

107

Christ in hearts of all that love me,

109

Christ in hearts of all that love me.

111

Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

113

Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

115

9. I bind un - to my - self the name, the strong name

120

of the Tr - ni - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion of the

126

same, the Three in One, and One in Three. By

132

whom all nature hath creation, Eternal Father, Spirit,

139

Word: Praise to the Lord of my salvation, Salvation

145

is of Christ the Lord. Amen.