Christian Warfare

Scottish traditional
Arranged by Joshua Leavitt, 1830

Arranged by Joseph Funk, 1832

1. Soldiers of the cross, arise: Lo, your Captain from the skies
   Holding forth the glittering prize, Calls to victory:
   Fear not, though the battle lower;

2. Who the cause of Christ would yield? Who would leave the battlefield?
   Who would cast away his shield? Let him base go:
   Who for Zion’s King will stand?

3. By the mercies of our God, By Emmanuel’s streaming blood,
   When alone for us he stood, Ne’er give up the strife:
   Ever, to the latest breath,

4. By the woes which rebels prove, By the bliss of holy love,
   Sinners, seek the joys above; Sinners, turn and live:
   Here is freedom worth the name;

This Scottish traditional tune first was arranged by Joshua Leavitt in *The Christian Lyre*, 1830, for two parts, titled Wallace. It was also given a different arrangement for three parts by Joseph Funk in his *Compilation of Genuine Church Music* in 1832, called Christian Warfare. Walker’s 1835 arrangement for three parts was included in *The Sacred Harp*, p. 152, from 1844 through 1911. It was also arranged by William Hauser in his *Hesperian Harp*, 1848.

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