Saint Patrick’s Breastplate

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Atompiug indiu.

ST. PATRICK. (D. L. M.)*
Slow and dignified $\frac{3}{4} = 72$.

Voices in unison.

1 I bind unto myself today The strong name
of the Trinity, By invocation
of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.

From an Ancient Irish Hymn Melody.
2 I bind this day to me for ever, By power of faith, Christ's Incarnation; His baptism in love of Cherubim; The sweet 'Well done' in of the star-lit heaven, The glorious sun's life-God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, his gives temptation force, The natural lusts that words of hes. ev. Against the know.-ledg.-Jor dan river; His death on Cross for my salvation; judgement hour; The service of the Seraphim, giv.-ing ray, The whiteness of the moon at even, might to stay, His ear to hearken to my need, war with in, The hostile men that mar my course; that de-files, Against the heart's in-do-la-try,

His bursting from the spiced tomb; His riding Con-fessors' faith, Apostles' word, The Patriarchs' The flash-ing of the light-ning free, The whirl-ing The wis-dom of my God to teach, His hand to Or few or ma-ny, far or nigh, In ev-ery A-gainst the wizard's civ-il craft, A-gainst the
up the heavenly way; His coming at the day of prayers, the Prophets' scrolls, All good deeds done unto the wind's tempestuous shocks, The stable earth, the deep salt guide, his shield to ward; The word of God to give me place, and in all hours, Against their fierce hostile
death, wound and the burning, The choking wave, the poisoned doom; ... I bind unto myself today.
Lord, ... And purity of virgin souls.
sea, ... Around the old eternal rocks.
speech, ... His heavenly host to be my guard.
... I bind to me these holy powers.
shaft, ... Protect me, Christ, till thy returning.
Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. Eph. 6:10-18

Or:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. Dt. 6:4-9
One of the following versions is sung:

A

BUNESSAN 55 54 D

\[ (d = 84) \]

Capo 3

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1. Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, King of my heart; Christ be within me, Christ be below me, Christ be above me, never to part.

2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, light of my life.

3. Christ be in all hearts thinking about me. Christ be in all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me, in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.
B

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1. Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind, before me stand, Christ with me wheres’er I go, Christ around, above, below. Christ be end.

2. Christ be in my heart and mind, Christ within my soul enshrined, Christ control my wayward heart, Christ abide and ne’er depart.

3. Christ my life and only way, Christ my lantern night and day, Christ be my unchanging friend, Guide and Shepherd to the end.

C

\[ (\text{dow}=92) \]

| C | G | Am | Em | F | C | F | G |

1. Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to guide me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

2. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in care of friend and stranger.
I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.

*Hosea 2:19*
I bind unto myself the name, The strong name of the Trinity; By invocation of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.

Of whom all nature hath creation; Eternal Father, Spirit, Word: Praise to the Lord of my salvation, Salvation is of Christ the Lord.
I bind to myself today the faith of the Trinity in unity.