

St. Patrick's Breastplate

"The Lorica," attrib. St. Patrick (5th. Century), Ancient Irish Melodies,
tr. Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander (1818-1895) arr. Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

1 *Unison*

1. I bind un - to my - self to - day The strong Name

6

1. of the Tri - ni - ty, By in - vo - ca - tion of the

12

1. same, The Three in One, and One in Three. 2. I
4. I

2. bind this day to me for ev - er, by power of faith, Christ's
4. bind un - to my - self to - day the vir - tues of the

2. In - car - na - tion; his bap - tism in the Jor - dan ri - ver; his
4. star - lit heaven, the glo - rious sun's life - giv - ing ray, the

2. death on cross for my sal - va - tion, his burst - ing
4. white - ness of the moon at ev - en, the flash - ing

2. from the spi - ced tomb, his ri - ding up the
 4. of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing wind's tem -

2. heaven - ly way, his com - ing at the day of
 4. pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the deep salt

2. doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 4. sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.

Harmony

3. I bind un - to my - self the power of the great
5. I bind un - to my - self to - day the power of

3. love of che - ru - bim, the sweet "Well done" in judg - ment's
5. God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to

3. hour; the ser - vice of the ser - a - phim; con -
5. stay, his ear to heark - en to my need; the

Org.

3. fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles' word, the pa - triarchs'
 5. wis - dom of my God to teach, his hand to

3. prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls; all the good deeds done un -
 5. guide, his shield to ward; the word of God to

3. to the Lord, and pu - ri - ty of vir - gin
 5. give me speech, his heaven - ly host to be my

3. souls. 5. guard. 6. Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be - hind me, Christ be - fore me, 7. Christ be-neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,

6. Christ be - side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re - store me, 7. Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger. 8. I

8. bind un - to my - self the Name, the strong Name

8. of the Tri - ni - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion of the

8. same, the Three in One, and One in Three. Of

8. whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal Fa - ther,

114

8. Spi - rit, Word: praise to the Lord of our sal -

This system contains measures 114 through 118. It features a vocal line in a soprano clef and a piano accompaniment in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "8. Spi - rit, Word: praise to the Lord of our sal -".

119

8. va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

This system contains measures 119 through 123. It features a vocal line in a soprano clef and a piano accompaniment in grand staff. The key signature has two flats. The lyrics are: "8. va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.".

124

A - - - - - men. □

This system contains measures 124 through 128. It features a vocal line in a soprano clef and a piano accompaniment in grand staff. The key signature has two flats. The lyrics are: "A - - - - - men. □".