

Take My Life and Let It Be

Frances R. Havergal · 1874 · Tune: Hendon (Henri A. César Malan)
Meter: 7.7.7.7

Verse 1

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse 2

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Verse 3

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Verse 4

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Verse 5

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Verse 6

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

History

Frances Havergal wrote the hymn in February 1874 during a five-day visit where ten of the household were unconverted. Before leaving, all ten had come to faith. That last night she lay awake renewing her own consecration, and the verses came to her one couplet at a time. She later sent her gold and jewelry to a missionary society in literal obedience to verse 4.

Scripture References (KJV)

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

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