

Stand, soldier of the cross

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**Stand, soldier of the cross,
Thy high allegiance claim,
And vow to hold the world but loss
For thy Redeemer's Name.**

**Arise, and be baptized,
And wash thy sins away;
Thy league with God be solemnized,
Thy faith avowed today.**

**No more thine own, but Christ's,
With all the saints of old,
Apostles, seers, evangelists,
And martyr throngs enrolled.**

**In God's whole armor strong,
Front hell's embattled powers:
The warfare may be sharp and long,
The victory must be ours.**

**O bright the conqueror's crown,
The song of triumph sweet,
When faith casts every trophy down
At our great Captain's feet.**

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